

THE TOWN OF
TINMOUTH, VERMONT

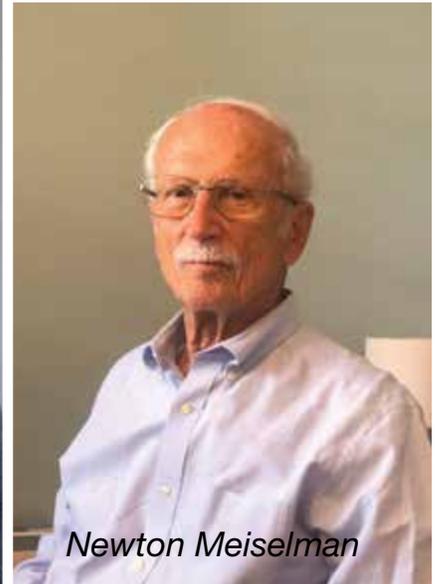
Celebrating our Nonagenarians



Martin & Janet Kushnick



Rose Napolitano



Newton Meiselman



Pauline Munson



Robert A. Noble Jr.



Alma Somers

The 2021 Town Report is dedicated to Grant and Jo Reynolds

The 2021 Town Report is dedicated to Grant Reynolds, who passed in May, and his wife Jo.

When Grant and Jo bought their home in Tinmouth in the early 2000's, they jumped right into the thick of community service: attending many meetings, joining many committees, giving freely of their time and resources. They oversaw the cross-country ski program at the school for many years, worked tirelessly on the Old Creamery restoration project, helped out at the TVFD's Game Supper, Church and School events, and the Community Fun Days. Grant and Jo were committed participants in the Tinmouth Writer's Group and the Library book discussion group, and were a key part of the "Crew" that hosted concerts at the Old Firehouse for many years. Grant was a member of the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the School Board (Chair), was instrumental in the school merger to create the Mill River Unified Union School District (and making sure the Articles of Association clearly stated that no school could be closed without the unanimous vote of the school board AND a vote of the town), and then became Tinmouth's Board member to the MRUUSD. He was the editor of *The Channel*, the Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society's Quarterly, and the Town's representative to the Rutland Regional Transportation Council. Grant worked tirelessly to save the Old Creamery, and was proud to have the Wee Folk Playground named for him. He also wrote a *Short History of Tinmouth* for the upper grades of the Tinmouth School. Jo served on the Tinmouth Community Fund Board, the Conservation Commission, was a member of the THGS, was a dedicated Plant Sale volunteer, and accompanied and supported Grant in many of his endeavors.

Thank you for your service and caring.



Grant & Jo Reynolds

~ *On the cover* ~

Tinmouth's Nonagenarians

~ *Tinmouth neighbors who are 90+ years young* ~

~ *Photo credits* ~

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*Tinmouth Mountain School staff, Cathy Reynolds, Lothar Schmelzenbach, Nancy Birdsall,
and the families of Tinmouth's nonagenarians*

Thanks to Wendy Fannin for her work on the cover.

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TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Elected Town and School Officers – Elected in 2021 (Bold)

Moderator: Michael Fallar *

Town Clerk: Gail Fallar (2023)

Town Treasurer: Gail Fallar (2023)

Select Board: Frank Sears, Chair (2022)*
Cathy Reynolds (2023)
Meadow Squier (2024)

Mill River Unified Union School District Director:
Asha Carroll McCullough (2022)*

Community Center Board: Ann Czar (2022)*

Road Commissioner: Eric Buffum (2024)

Listers: Shirley Bucceri (2022)*
Gail Fallar (2023)
Pat Psholka (2024)

Auditors: Sandy Goyette (2022)
Ann Czar, appointed until Town Meeting (2023)*
Vito Macaluso (2024)

Delinquent Tax Collector: Catherine Yoder *

* Term expires this year – 2022; () - Year term expires

Officers Elected at General Election
(November 2020)
Justices of the Peace

Tina Casey
Nelson Jaquay

Marshall Squier

Michael Fallar
Matthew Patry



*The Parade begins! Tinmouth Community Fun Day
July 17, 2021*



TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Officers Appointed by Select Board – 2021 (Bold, for those with terms. Most others are annual.)

Board of Adjustment

Bart Eaton, Chair (2022)*
Sherry Johnson (2023)
Robert Lloyd (2024)
Robert Noble (2024)
Grant Reynolds(2024) (Passed in 2021)
Tracylea Byford, appointed (2024)
Stan Wilbur (2023)
Vito Macaluso (2022)*

Planning Commission

Michael Fallar, Chair (2023)
Larry Carabeau (2023)
Andy Gilmore (2024)
Kim Harbaugh (2022)*
Robert Lloyd (2022)*
Vito Macaluso (2023)
Pat Psholka (2024)
Grant Reynolds (2022) (Passed in 2021)
Judy Gilmore, appointed (2022)*
Rainbow Squier (2024)

Zoning Administrator

Gail Fallar (2023)

911 Coordinator

Gail Fallar

Rutland Regional Planning Commission

Robert Lloyd, Commissioner
Michael Fallar, *Alternate*

RRPC Regional Transportation Council

Grant Reynolds (Passed in 2021) *Vacant*
Michael Fannin, *Alternate*

Solid Waste Alliance Communities

Chris Martone Wheaton Squier, *Alternate*

Tinmouth Library Trustee

Gene Usher (2022)*

Rutland Free Library Trustee

Barry Cohen (2024)

Health Officer

Meadow Squier (as of July 1)
Theresa Schmelzenbach, Deputy

Pound Keeper

Glenn D. Merrill

Fence Viewers

Michael Fallar Ralph Lewis
Glenn D. Merrill Caleb Scott

Tree Warden

David Birdsall Wheaton Squier, Deputy

Green-Up Day Committee

Doug Fontein
Ed Hasenohr
Nelson Jaquay

Housing Rehab Loan Review Committee

Select Board

Animal Control Officers

David Birdsall
Paul Morris, Deputy

Emergency Management

Michael Fannin, Director
Ray Pratt, Coordinator (*appointed by Director*)

Town Huggers

Hollis Squier Patti (Cow Patti) Macaluso

Community Center Board

Cathy Reynolds (appointed by Select Board)
Asha Carroll McCullough (MRUUSD Member)
Ann Czar (2022)* (elected at Town Mtg.)

Weighers of Coal

Michael Fannin Cathy Reynolds

Inspector of Lumber & Shingles

Doug Fontein Michael Fallar

Energy Committee

Ray Pratt Cathy Reynolds
Todd Dennis

Tree Policy Committee

Frank Sears Sherry Johnson
Eric Buffum Gail Fallar
David Birdsall Wheaton Squier

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Officers Appointed by Select Board – 2021 *Continued*

Conservation Commission

Jeff Ams (2024)
 Chuck Bronk (2022)*
Doug Fontein (2024)*
 Ed Hasenohr (2022)*
Nelson Jaquay (2024)
 Robbie Leeds (2023)
 Rainbow Squier, Chair (2022)*

Safety & Wellness Committee

Ronnie Crossman
 Chris Martone
 Gail Fallar
 Ray Pratt, Chair
 Frank Sears

Tinmouth Website Committee

Nancy Gucker Birdsall
 Sherry Johnson
 Todd Dennis
 Cathy Reynolds

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

Jonathan Czar
 Helen Mango
 Gail Fallar
 Chris Martone
 Wheaton Squier, Chair

Equity & Inclusion Committee

Logan Birdsall
 Michael Fallar
 Sherry Johnson
 Meadow Squier, Chair
 Rainbow Squier
 Todd Dennis
 Kim Harbaugh
 Lothar Schmelzenbach
 Melody Squier
 Emma Weatherhogg

Old Creamery Committee

Michael Fallar
 Stan Wilbur
 Grant Reynolds (Passed in 2021) *Vacant*
 Doug Fontein
 Vito Macaluso

~ NOTICES ~

Town Clerk-Office Hours: Due to the continuation of the Pandemic, masks are required to enter the office, per order of the Select Board.

Monday & Thursday, 8 a.m. - Noon and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 and most Saturdays 9 – 12 *Or by appointment if necessary.*
 Telephone: 802-446-2498; Fax: 802-446-2498
 E-mail: tinmouthtown@vermontel.net

Dumpcards, dog licenses, zoning permits, tax payments can be done via mail or email (preferred methods).

Tinmouth Website: tinmouthvt.org

Town Calendar - Monthly Meetings (Being held in-person and virtually until further notice.)

<i>Select Board</i>	Town Office	2 nd Thursday (& 4 th Tues. if needed) 7:00 p.m.
<i>Planning Commission</i>	Town Office	3 rd Thursday 7:00 p.m.
<i>Volunteer Fire Dept.</i>	Fire House	1 st Thursday 6:30 p.m.
<i>Tinmouth Energy Committee</i>	Town Office	<i>Scheduled as needed</i>
<i>Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society</i>	Town Office	4 th Sunday <i>(on hold due to Pandemic)</i>
<i>Conservation Commission</i>	Town Office	3 rd Monday every other month
<i>Additional Town Committees</i>	Town Office	<i>Scheduled as needed</i>

Emergency Number

Fire Department, Rescue Squad/Ambulance, State Police **Dial 911**
If 911 is not operational, call the Tinmouth Fire House @ 802-446-2460

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Notices (continued)

Fire Permit

If there is no snow on the ground, a fire permit is required to burn grass or brush within 200 feet of any woodland.

For information about a fire permit call Glenn D. Merrill, Fire Warden 802-446-2782
or Wheaton Squier, Deputy 802-446-2082

To report a FOREST FIRE, call 911.

Voting

To Vote in a Town Election One Must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States of America.
2. Be 18 years of age or over.
3. Have taken the Voter's Oath in the State of Vermont.

Please contact the Town Clerk for an application to the Check List. You can also register through the DMV, or online at "My Voter Page": mvp.sec.state.vt.us.

Vermont has instituted **same-day voter registration**, meaning that if you have not previously registered to vote and want to do so on election day, you can register then and there. You do need to be a resident of the town in which you are registering to vote, and must provide proof of residency (like a utility bill), and identification (driver's license).

Transfer Station Hours

The Transfer Station (for trash disposal and recycling) is open Saturday morning 8:00-12:00 and Wednesday afternoon 4:00-7:00. A punch ticket is required (\$25 for 10 punches or \$125 for 50 punches). Each 30-gallon bag of trash is 1 punch (\$2.50). Larger items are priced according to size.

Recycling is FREE

1. Zero sort for glass, tin cans, aluminum, #1-7 plastic (you don't have to separate)
2. Paper – sort newspaper; corrugated cardboard; and all other papers
3. Metal

Punch tickets must be obtained at the Town Office. Information sheets are available at the Transfer Station or Town Office.

Electronics – Computers and Computer peripherals – no charge – special containers for collection in shed.

Household Hazardous Waste is not collected in Town. See special collection locations & dates on Page 38-39.

Refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners, and all items containing Freon are no longer accepted.

Library Hours - Limited access due to the pandemic for now. We hope to resume regular hours soon.

Ruth Drachman, Librarian

Zoning & Subdivision Regulations

Permits are required for the following:

- New driveways (Driveway)-No Fee
- New Building Construction or Alteration (Zoning) - \$5.00 Fee*
- Change of Use (Zoning) - \$5.00 Fee*
- Subdivision of Land (Subdivision) - \$25.00 Fee*
- Application to Board of Adjustment - \$25.00 Fee*
- New septic systems or repairs – State Permit Required, copy to be provided to the Town

*Fees may be reviewed and changed in 2022.

If you have any questions or need an application, please contact:

Gail Fallar, Tinmouth Zoning Administrator 802-446-2498 or tinmouthtown@vermontel.net

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Notices (continued)

Tinmouth Newsletter

The *Tales of Tinmouth* is a monthly newsletter that contains town, church and school news, upcoming events, interviews with town residents, etc., for town residents (past & present), property owners, and friends. If you are not currently on the mailing list and would like to receive "Tales," please send your name and address to Editor, 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773, or by email. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully appreciated. The newsletter is published with volunteer help; donations cover postage and printing. E-mail is tinmouthtales@vermontel.net. Deadline for submissions is 20th of the month. Ads accepted with a donation.

Dog Licenses

All dogs six (6) months of age or older shall annually, on or before **April 1st**, be licensed. RABIES certificates must be signed by a duly licensed Veterinarian and delivered to the Town Clerk stating that the dog has within 36 months (for dogs two years of age and older), 12 months (for dogs over one but less than two years), and within the last year (for dogs under one year old), been vaccinated against rabies, BEFORE any dog is licensed.

Regular License Fees: \$9.00 neutered male or spayed female; \$13.00 male or female not neutered/spayed, price includes \$5.00 for State Rabies and Neutering Programs. The price increases by 50% after April 1st.

Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office.

Front Porch Forum ~ Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors

Front Porch Forum is a company that provides online digital news for all Vermont Towns. Each town has its own site for neighbors to share news, events, etc. In Tinmouth, meeting agendas and notices are posted here as well.

To sign up, go to <http://FrontPorchForum.com>, or stop by the town office for assistance.

Post upcoming events; sell, swap or trade; comment on current issues; keep track of what's happening in town; give someone a pat on the back; etc. You get an email once or twice a week, read the postings or not, you don't have to post anything. It helps everyone keep in touch and provides for better communication.

If you own property here, but live out of town, use your Tinmouth 911 address for your location.



*More parade photos
Tinmouth Community Day
July 17, 2021*

TOWN OF TINMOUTH Report of the Select Board January 2022

With 2021 proving to be another year of Covid-19 Pandemic, we pressed forward while following the most current CDC regulations/suggestions to keep Town employees and citizens as safe as possible.

Given the current surge of Covid cases in January 2022, the Select Board decided to switch town meeting voting to Australian ballot with a virtual Informational meeting. This enables folks to attend from home via their telephone or computer to discuss the articles on Saturday, February 26th, and to request an absentee ballot or vote in person from 8 am until 7 pm at the Old Fire House on March 1st. Special legislation gave towns with an annual floor meeting the authority to use Australian ballot again this year as a safety precaution if they choose. We chose.

Our Road Crew handled every challenge without hesitation to ensure the town's roadways were maintained for safe travel to and through the Town. 2021 was the year the Road Crew started implementing the 2020 Road Stormwater Management Plan, required by Act 64 of the Vermont Clean Water Act. Tinmouth's plan was developed with the help of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. Under the DEC Municipal Roads General Permit (DEC MRGP), municipalities must implement a customized, multi-year municipal stormwater management plan.

Steps include: ► inventorying roadways and identifying connections to surface waters; ► implementing solutions such as stone-lined and U-shaped ditches, turnouts, check dams, road crowning, and grass-lined drainage ditches; ► upgrading drainage culverts and stabilizing culvert outlets where erosion is present. The town has a 20 year implementation time frame with the first round being the most aggressive. The plan is available at the Town Office.

A few of the Road Crew's projects in 2021 included replacement of culverts on Merrill Spring Rd and Harrington Cross Rd, ditching and stoning along the roadsides of North East Rd and Merrill Spring Rd, paving ~ 1 mile of Mountain View Rd, road repair and stabilization of Harrington Cross Rd, upgrading the access to Harrington Cross Rd where it meets RT 140, and monitoring and removing dying or dead Ash trees that pose a safety issue to public travel.

These are just a few of many projects they completed while continuing their daily work of maintaining our 31.5 miles of paved and gravel roads including snow plowing and sanding as necessary during the winter months.

Roadside mowing was contracted to Hollis Squier who has announced his retirement from this role after 37 years. Thank you to Hollis for his many years of service to the Town, as Road Commissioner and most recently as summer roadside visibility director.

The Select Board, in coordination with the Road Crew, Town Treasurer and Selectboard Assistant, and Project Manager Stan Wilbur, are continuing to move forward on the building of a new town garage and salt shed. The Town has signed a contract with Morton Buildings for the construction of the town garage building in the spring of 2022. This process has been affected by the ongoing pandemic which has caused significant delay, supply chain challenges and price increases.

The schedule for the new town garage construction is as follows;

02/22: Approve final design

04/22: Town Crew prepares site

05/22: Morton scope begins - pour foundation and construct town garage for completion by fall 2022

* The salt/sand shed project will come together after the town garage is launched.

Your Select Board joined other towns and cities in authorizing the formation of a Town Equity and Inclusion Committee whose vision is to proactively encourage and cultivate community engagement in municipal and civic activities. This committee will work in conjunction with the Select Board to ensure the Town of Tinmouth is and remains a community recognized for being one of equity and inclusion.

The Town has received \$88,871 to date from the American Rescue Plan Act - known as ARPA. We would like to put these funds towards our Town Garage/Salt-Sand Shed projects. The Select Board will hold a public meeting for input before moving forward with investing those monies in the community.

Re-payment to the Vermont Bond Bank for the Town Garage will start in FY23. The Town ended up borrowing \$339,500, which will be repaid over 20 years. As the process is not yet finalized, the estimated payment each year is around \$24,000. This is reflected in the proposed FY23 budget.

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TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Report of the Select Board (continued)

In the Listers' Report, the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) has dropped for the upcoming tax year. When this percentage is less than 100%, it is applied to the school tax rate to equalize taxation between Towns. The school budget is down and the Legislature may provide extra funding for education, but if they do not, Tinmouth could see an increase in the school tax rate.

At Town Meeting

The 2022 Town Meeting Warning includes an Article requesting voters to authorize adding "to include construction of a town garage", to the purpose of the Capital Building Fund. This Reserve Fund was created in 2001 in anticipation of having to re-roof the Community Center in 20 or 30 years. Its purpose was for repair and maintenance of town buildings. The state began rattling a sword about requiring a salt shed, so in 2002 voters added construction of a salt/sand to the purpose. In preparing documents for the bond application, it was discovered that voters had not added construction of a town garage to the purpose. That's why there is an article asking voters to make that change. Reserve Funds can only be spent for the purposes authorized by voters. Only voters can change the purpose.

The Selectboard also placed an Article on the Town Meeting Warning asking voter approval to transfer \$18,800 of the unencumbered General Fund balance from FY21 to the Highway Fund to cover the Town's share for the Potter's Brook Culvert Replacement project. The remainder of the funding for the project will come to the Town through a VTRANS Structures Grant.

Your support and cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

The Select Board thanks our town employees and volunteers who keep the wheels of this town rolling. We also thank the entire community for their continued support and feedback, live or remotely, in this upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted, Tinmouth Select Board

Frank Sears, Chair Cathy Reynolds Meadow Squier

Tinmouth Public Works Facility

At the 2020 town meeting Tinmouth voters approved a \$850,000 Bond to finance the cost of constructing a public works garage and a salt/sand shed. The Building Committee appointed by the Select Board presented options for the salt/sand shed in August 2020. Because the cost of the salt/sand shed was significantly higher than the Select Board estimated, the Board decided to focus on the Town Garage first, using a design-build approach. Design-Build proposals were received from six contractors and after ranking the proposals Morton Buildings, Inc. was selected for the project. Morton presented several floor plans, design options and cost estimates for consideration. The Board decided to proceed the preparation of final design drawings, cost estimates and construction schedule for a 60'x 80' four bay building. The Town signed a contract for \$576,434 with Morton Buildings in January 2022. Geotechnical engineering and foundation design have been completed, authorization to discharge stormwater for the garage under the VTDEC general permit has been issued and requests for proposals for construction of the well have been distributed.

The current construction schedule envisions site work by the Town Highway Crew to begin as soon as weather allows with building construction following in early summer. Once the costs for the garage are firmed up, the Select Board will consider salt/sand shed options. Two grants for additional funds have been submitted.

Stan Wilbur, Project Manager

TINMOUTH TOWN PROPERTY

Mountain View Road

Town Office / Library * Old Firehouse * Old Town Sheds * Old Creamery * Pizza Oven

Town Green

**Tinmouth Community Center * * Tinmouth Mountain School (Pre-K through 6th grade)
WeeFolk and original Playgrounds and Ballfield**

Route 140

Town Garage & Transfer Station

Tinmouth Mountain

Town Forest & Cabin

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General & Highway Fund Report - FY 21

Balance 7/1/20 Checking Account **\$104,746.95**

Receipts

State Highway Aid	\$84,941.42
Highway Grant in Aide	\$6,710.00
Extra State Highway Aide	\$21,936.00
Storm Water Grant	\$7,622.00
Property Taxes Collected FY20 (Town & School)	\$1,604,724.80
Use Value – State	\$64,870.00
Fish & Wildlife in lieu of taxes	\$5,415.00
Act 60 Re-appraisal – State	\$4,322.50
Delinquent Taxes (tax, penalty, interest, expenses)	\$86,512.73
Transfer Station fees	\$11,537.00
Recycling	\$84.85
Dog Licenses & Fees	\$1,729.00
Zoning Permit Fees	\$140.00
Marriage/CU License Fees	\$240.00
Copies	\$1,110.00
Interest – checking	\$1,129.57
Old Firehouse Donations	\$0.00
Traffic tickets	\$1,035.19
Reimbursements	\$100.65
Milfoil Project State Grant (pass-through)	\$4,946.00
Community Center Manager Salary Reimbsmnt FY21	\$1,130.06
Overweight truck permits	\$135.00
Election Grant	\$2,127.14
Town Clerk Recording Fees	\$5,866.00
Town Office Fees	\$35.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,910.50
Prepaid FY21 Property Taxes	-\$1,888.88
Overpaid FY21 Property Taxes	<u>\$312.87</u>
Total FY 20 Receipts	\$1,919,734.40
Total (Includes 7/1/20 Balance)	\$2,024,481.35

Disbursements

Town and Highway Orders	\$778,237.44
School Property Tax Transfer	\$1,106,191.87
FY20 Property Tax Refunds	<u>\$5,240.54</u>
	\$1,889,669.85

Balance 6/30/21 Town Checking Account **\$ 134,811.50**

The Town of Tinmouth has no indebtedness.

Respectfully submitted, *Gail Fallar*, Treasurer

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General & Highway Fund Budget
Revenues

	FY 21 Budget	FY 21 Actual	FY 22 Budget	FY 23 Budget
HIGHWAY				
State Highway Aide	81,450	84,941	84,000	84,000
Grant In Aide	6,000	6,710	6,000	6,000
FY 21 Extra Highway Aide *	0	21,936	0	0
Grant for Road Inventory	0	7,622	0	0
Wood Sales	0	1,955	0	0
Carry Forward Ash Tree Work	0	0	5,000	0
State Structures Grant (Culvert)	0	0	0	36,000
Subtotals	\$ 87,450	\$ 123,164	\$ 95,000	\$ 126,000
GENERAL				
Property Taxes **	574,955	498,533	** 596,680	657,365
Use Value - State	54,000	64,870	59,000	62,000
Fish & Wildlife Taxes Lien	5,000	5,415	5,000	5,000
Act 60 Homestead Pymt***	0	455	0	0
Act 60 RE-appraisal Pymt***	0	3868	0	0
Delinquent Taxes **	25,000	79,188	** 0	0
Delinquent Interest	5,000	5,325	1,900	4,000
Delinquent Fees	3,000	1,921	1,500	2,000
Delinquent Expenses	0	79	0	0
Transfer Station Fees	11,000	12,492	11,000	11,000
Recycling	50	85	50	0
Dog Licenses & Fees	1,700	1,729	1,600	1,600
Zoning/ZBA Permit Fees	100	140	100	100
Marriage/CU Licenses	120	240	60	120
Liquor License	115	0	0	0
Copies	1,200	1,110	1,200	1,200
Refunds/Reimbursements	0	80	0	0
Interest - Checking Acct.	1,000	1,130	1,000	1,000
Old Firehouse Donations	250	0	0	0
Traffic tickets	2,000	1,035	1,500	1,000
Milfoil Grant – pass thru	0	4,946	0	0
Comm. Ctr. Reimbursement	1,000	1,130	1,100	1,150
Overwt Truck Permits	100	135	100	100
Grants	0	2,127	0	0
Town Office Fees	75	35	50	50
Miscellaneous (cabin rent)	0	20	0	0
TC Recording Fees	5,000	5,866	6,000	6,000
General Subtotal	\$ 690,765	\$ 691,954	\$ 687,840	\$ 758,735
Total with Highway Aide	\$ 778,215	\$ 815,118	\$ 782,840	\$ 879,735

* FY21 Extra Highway Aide – Select Board decided to use \$5,000 for Ash tree removal (Emerald Ash Borer is getting closer), and the balance of \$16,936 was added to the Capital Building Fund for the Town Garage. Firewood Sales were transferred to Building Fund.

** FY22 Select Board moved \$25,000 from Delinquent Taxes to Property Taxes per Auditors' recommendation, and moved FY21 Extra Highway aid line to the Highway budget.

*** Act 60 payments are transferred to the Re-appraisal Fund.

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Highway Budget
Expenses

	FY 21 Budget	FY 21 Actual	FY 22 Budget	FY 23 Budget
Wages	97,000	101,241	99,900	107,700
Wages Over-time	17,000	11,100	17,000	17,000
Extra Help	5,000	4,365	5,000	7,500
FICA	7,400	7,249	7,600	8,200
Medicare	1,750	1,695	1,775	2,000
VMERS	6,900	6,741	7,025	8,925
Health Insurance	40,600	30,600	30,000	30,000
Dental Insurance	1,200	1,098	1,200	1,200
Disability Insurance	600	537	600	600
Workers Comp/Unemployment	9,700	9,920	11,000	10,000
Uniform Allowance	900	657	900	900
Property & Liability Insurance	5,500	5,970	7,500	7,500
Repairs/Maintenance/Parts	18,000	20,384	18,000	18,000
Diesel Fuel	20,000	12,251	20,000	20,000
Tools	500	2,603	500	500
Gasoline	500	65	250	250
Winter Salt	47,400	29,676	45,000	45,000
Winter Sand	10,500	10,292	14,000	14,000
Gravel/Stone	15,000	24,388	17,500	17,500
Paving	100,000	98,841	100,000	100,000
Cold Patch/Hot Mix	1,000	0	500	500
Chloride	12,000	9,018	12,000	12,000
Culverts	5,000	0	5,000	5,000
Road Signs	200	0	800	800
Winter Contracts	6,800	4,215	6,800	6,800
Misc./Contingency	1,500	1,556	1,500	1,500
Roadside Mowing	4,600	4,680	5,550	5,550
Mileage	400	0	200	200
Equipment Rent	0	753	750	750
Building repair	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Electricity	900	910	900	900
Fuel Oil	1,200	736	1,000	1,000
Telephone	1,400	1,612	1,500	1,650
Equipment Fund Allocation	76,500	75,750	76,500	77,250
Salt/Sand Shed Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Paved Rd Crack-sealing	10,000	0	10,000	10,000
ANR Permit	2,500	1,590	2,500	2,500
Hwy Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
McCoy Road Project	0	1,500	0	0
Grant In Aide	2,000	1,880	2,000	2,000
Storm Water Inventory/Projects	0	7,622	5,000	0
Ash Tree Removal	0	0	5,000	5,000
Potter's Brook Culvert *	0	0	0	54,800
Bond Payment Town Garage	0	0	0	24,000
TOTAL Highway	\$ 542,450	\$ 501,495	\$ 548,250	\$ 640,000

* State Grant will cover \$36,000

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Highway Budget (continued)

	Budget FY 21	Actual FY 21	Budget FY 22	Budget FY 23
Public Works Facilities				
Engineering	0	758	0	0
Legal	0	702	0	0
Audit Services	0	25,413	0	0
TOTAL Public Works Facilities	0	\$ 26,873	0	0
Firewood Sales Transfer-Capital Fund	0	1,955	0	0
State Aide -Transfer - Capital Fund	0	\$ 16,936	0	0
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$ 542,450	\$ 547,259	\$ 548,250	\$ 640,000

**General Budget
Expenses**

	Budget FY 21	Actual FY 21	Budget FY 22	Budget FY 23
Select Board	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Select Board Assistant	6,950	7,657	7,160	7,500
Town Clerk	29,870	29,870	30,765	32,300
Treasurer	12,360	12,360	12,730	13,375
Assistant TC & Treas.	6,250	3,855	6,250	6,250
Auditors	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Delinquent Tax Collector	2,850	2,850	2,935	3,080
Listers	3,600	3,732	3,600	3,800
Health Officer	0	164	500	500
Zoning Admin./PC Sec.	1,750	637	1,500	1,500
Emergency Management	0	200	200	200
Animal Control Officers	200	0	200	200
Town Bookkeeper	3,150	1,396	3,150	3,150
Comm. Ctr. Director	1,050	1,050	1,080	1,135
Paint/Work Crew	2,500	0	2,500	2,500
FICA	4,670	4,093	4,760	4,900
Medicare	1,090	960	1,110	1,200
VMERS	3,150	3,215	3,240	3,560
Health Insurance	9,000	9,000	5,000	5,000
Dental Insurance	650	542	650	650
Workers Comp/Unemployment	400	305	400	400
W/C Fire Department	1,500	305	1,500	1,500
Disability Insurance	325	221	325	325
Insurance Prop/Liability	4,600	4,803	4,775	6,000
Telephone	1,750	1,579	1,750	1,750
Electricity	900	687	900	900
Fuel Oil	2,250	938	2,000	2,000
Lawn Care	1,500	760	1,000	1,000
Office Supplies	4,600	4,499	4,600	4,600
Postage	1,500	1,496	1,500	1,500
Town Report	1,200	1,115	1,200	1,200
County Taxes	6,900	6,810	7,200	7,350
Legal Fees	2,000	2,142	2,500	2,500

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General Budget
Expenses (continued)

	Budget FY 21	Actual FY 21	Budget FY 22	Budget FY 23
Professional Services	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Computer Software/Hardware	1,300	2,218	1,300	1,300
Miscellaneous	750	301	750	750
Old Cemetery Maintenance	500	0	500	500
Election Grant Supplies	0	2,127	0	0
Mileage	100	0	100	100
Building Repair / Library Roof *	1,500	5,850	1,500	1,500
Marriage/CU Licenses	150	200	150	150
State Dog Tax	800	945	800	800
Dog Control Fees	100	0	100	100
Workshops/Seminars	500	251	500	500
Planning	500	140	500	500
Property Map Update **	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Building/Repair Reserve Fund	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Planning Grant	0	2,381	0	0
Web Site Support	750	926	750	750
Conservation Commission **	500	0	500	500
TES Wee Folk Playground	0	134	0	0
Advertising	0	0	500	500
TOTAL General	\$ 137,465	\$ 132,289	\$ 136,430	\$ 145,275
LAW ENFORCEMENT				
Constable Wages	500	0	0	0
FICA	30	0	0	0
Medicare	10	0	0	0
Workers Comp Insurance	60	44	0	25
Equipment	100	0	0	0
Mileage	0	0	0	0
Liability Insurance	650	305	0	0
County Sheriff Contract	23,500	21,309	24,675	23,760
TOTAL Law Enforcement	\$ 24,850	\$ 21,658	\$ 24,675	\$ 23,785
SOLID WASTE				
Salaries	6,000	5,897	6,200	6,500
Hauling - Solid Waste	2,400	2,400	2,400	3,000
Disposal Solid Waste	8,000	8,078	8,000	8,000
HHW Disposal	1,000	650	1,000	1,000
Dues & Fees	3,000	2,765	3,000	3,200
State Trash Tax	1,000	455	1,000	1,000
Supplies/Equip/Repairs	750	246	1,000	1,000
FICA	380	413	400	410
Medicare	90	84	100	100
Miscellaneous	200	300	200	300
Workers Comp Insurance	900	746	900	650
Recycling Disposal	1,600	3,222	2,200	2,200
Recycling Hauling	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,500
TOTAL Solid Waste	\$ 27,320	\$ 27,256	\$ 28,400	\$ 29,760

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

General Budget

Expenses (continued)

	Budget FY 21	Actual FY 21	Budget FY 22	Budget FY 23
ORGANIZATIONS/DUES				
VACD	100	100	100	100
BROC	200	200	200	200
Green-Up Vermont	50	50	50	50
Poultney Rescue Squad	700	700	700	700
RRPC	975	975	975	1,000
Rutland County Parent/Child	500	500	500	500
NewStory –Rutland Cty Wmn’s Net.	175	175	175	175
Rutland Free Library	3,100	2,948	3,100	3,010
Rutland Mental Health	550	550	550	550
Rutland NRCD	250	250	250	250
SW Office on Aging	300	300	300	300
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project	1,850	2,500	2,500	2,500
Tinmouth Vol. Fire Dept.	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
VLCT	1,825	1,826	1,825	1,775
VNA/Hospice	800	800	800	800
VT Adult Learning Center	200	200	200	200
VT Ctr. Independ. Living	80	80	80	80
VT Old Cemetery Assoc.	25	25	25	25
Wallingford Rescue Squad	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
NeighborWorks	200	200	200	200
A.R.C	800	800	800	800
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed	500	500	500	500
VT Trails & Greenways	55	0	55	0
Tinmouth Cemetery	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Vermont Cons Commission	50	0	50	50
American Red Cross	250	250	250	250
Child First Advocacy Center	400	400	400	400
Rutland Reg. Marketing Initiative	600	0	0	0
TOTAL Dues & Organizations	\$ 45,035	\$ 44,829	\$ 45,085	\$ 44,915
Milfoil Grant Pass Through	0	\$ 4,946	0	0
TOTAL General Expenses	\$ 235,170	\$ 230,978	\$ 234,590	\$ 239,735

* Includes Relacing Library Roof

**Property Map and Conservation Commission allotments, \$1500, were transferred to Special Accounts.

Town & Highway Budget TOTALS				
TOTAL General Expenses	\$ 235,170	\$ 230,978	\$ 234,590	\$ 239,735
TOTAL Highway Expenses	\$ 542,450	\$ 547,259	\$ 548,250	\$ 640,000
TOTAL General & Highway	\$ 777,620	\$ 778,237	\$ 782,840	\$ 879,735
Milfoil Grant Pass Through		\$ 4,946		
Transfer to School		\$1,106,192		
Hwy Transf to Capital Bldg Fund		\$ 16,936		

Based on the 2021 Grand List, the 2022 tax rate may go from \$0.7509 to \$0.8338

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Statement of Taxes Raised 2020-2021 Budget

2020 Total Grand List		\$ 87,023,800
Adjusted for Current Use		(8,475,300)
Contracts		(396,700)
Cable Equip. (School Tax only)		327,700
Veterans Exemptions		(80,000)
2020 Taxable Grand List		\$ 78,399,500
1 % of Grand List (for town tax)		783,995
Non-residential education grand list (School)		400,507
Homestead education grand list (School)		386,765
Town Tax Rates		
Town	\$ 0.7355	
Local agreement	0.0016	
State School Tax Rates		
Residential	\$ 1.6414	
Non-Residential	\$ 1.6589	
Total Adjusted Taxes Assessed		\$ 1,877,117.89
Collected by Treasurer		1,585,501.51
State Payments		<u>210,698.71</u>
Taxes turned over to Delinquent Tax Collector		\$ 80,917.67

Report of the Auditors
FY 2020 – 2021

We have conducted our audit of the Town of Tinmouth’s financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. We reviewed cash receipts, general expense warrants, payroll warrants, the Grand List and special accounts. The Grand List is checked for accuracy to lister card valuations and tax payments received and deposited are verified. We check cash receipts for unusual changes, verify the receipt and deposit of large state aid payments and their recording into the proper accounts. The cash disbursements are checked for the proper authorization and payment to the listed vendor. Payroll disbursements are checked for select board authorization, payee, pay rate, overtime rate and withholdings.

The few discrepancies we found in our document samplings were explained to our satisfaction. To the best of our knowledge, it is our opinion, based on our examination of accounts and records, that the accounts as printed in the Town Report accurately represent the financial status of the Town.

Respectfully submitted, *Sandy Goyette*, Chair; *Vito Macaluso*; *Ann Czar*



*Christmas in Tinmouth,
 December 2021
 The rain did not dampen
 the festive holiday spirit!*

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Accounts Summary 2021

General Fund Checking
Accounts Summary

*These accounts reside in the General Fund
Checking Acct*

Website Special Account

Balance 7/1/20	\$ 1,631
No Unspent Balance FY21	
Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 1,631</u>

Computer Special Account

Balance 7/1/20	\$ 1,553
No Unspent Balance FY21	
Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 1,553</u>

Re-appraisal Fund

Balance 7/1/20	\$ 75,396
Received from State (+) 4,323	
Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 79,719</u>

Property Mapping

Balance 7/1/20	\$ 0
Annual Allotment (+) 1,000	
Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 1,000</u>

Lister Education

Balance 7/1/20	\$ 3,216
No + or -	
Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 3,216</u>

Wee Folk Playground

Balance 7/1/20	\$ 134
Expenses (-) 134	
Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 0</u>

Conservation Commission

Balance 7/1/20	\$ 0
Unspent Budget (+) 500	
Cabin Rent (+) 20	
Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 520</u>

Tinmouth Community Parade



Encumbrances in Checking Account

Checkbook balance 6/30/21	\$ 134,811
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Website Special Account	1,631*
Computer Special Account	1,553*
Re-appraisal Fund	79,710
Property Map Update	1,000
Lister Education	3,216
Conservation Commission	520
Pre-paid FY22 Taxes	312
Community Participation Comm	469
Highway Fund Carry Forward	3,274
Ash Tree Removal Project	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$ 96,685

Unencumbered Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 38,126</u>
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* Budget was overspent in these two funds, but there was no transfer from these funds to General Fund.

** FY20 transfer from Record Restoration and Preservation is still due to the General Fund. Will increase the checking account balance by \$409.83.

Highway End of Year Balance is \$3,274 to be carried forward and used in FY22.

Special Accounts Summary

These accounts have separate checking accounts.

Housing Rehab Program

Balance 7/1/20	\$ 1,529.17
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Revenue:

Interest	2.00
Loan Re-payments	<u>1,060.00</u>

TOTAL:	\$ 1,062.00
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Expense:

-0-

Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 2,591.17</u>
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Highway Equipment Fund

Balance 7/1/20	\$ 90,020.17
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Revenue:

Annual Allotment	75,750.00
Sale of One Ton Truck	20,000.00
Interest	<u>205.11</u>

TOTAL:	\$ 95,955.11
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Expense:

-0-

Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 185,975.28</u>
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Fish & Wildlife Account

Balance 7/1/20	\$ 448.75
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Revenue:

Licenses Sold	864.00
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Expense:

Paid to Vermont Fish & Wildlife	<u>885.00</u>
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Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 427.75</u>
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TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Special Account Summary 2021 (continued)

Old Creamery Project	
Balance 7/1/20	\$ 2,574.24
Revenue:	
Interest	8.46
Donations*	2,730.00
TCF Grant	<u>500.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 3,238.46
Expense:	
	-0-
Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 5,812.70</u>
<i>*Donations made in Memory of Grant Reynolds</i>	

Bill Jenkins School Field Trip Fund	
<i>(a Town Account to be used solely for the School)</i>	
Balance 7/1/20	\$ 4,823.72
Revenue:	
Interest	3.89
Annual Donation	<u>-0-</u>
	\$ 3.89
<i>No field trip due to Corona Virus Pandemic</i>	
Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 4,827.61</u>

Recording Restoration Preservation Fund	
Balance 7/1/20	\$ 7,004.02
Revenue:	
Recording Fees	2,084.00
Interest	<u>5.66</u>
	\$ 2,089.66
Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 9,093.68</u>
<i>* FY20 transfer due to General Fund of \$409.83.</i>	
<i>Balance will be \$ 8,683.85</i>	

Capital Building and Repair Fund	
Balance 7/1/20	\$ 522,104.64
Revenue:	
Bank Interest	810.71
Fire Wood Sales	1,955.50
Transfer Extra Hwy Aide	16,936.00
2021 Annual Allotment	<u>7,500.00</u>
Total Revenue:	\$ 27,202.21
Expense:	
Morton Bldg Phase 1	\$ 5,000.00
Town Garage	
Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 544,306.85</u>

Town Buildings Share is \$ 33,369.00
Highway Buildings Share is \$ 510,537.85

Capital Paving and Road Reconstruction Reserve Fund	
Balance 7/1/20	\$ 20,028.28
Revenue:	
2021 Allotment	5,000.00
Interest	<u>18.98</u>
	\$ 5,018.98
Expense:	
	-0-
Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 25,047.26</u>



Virtual Town Meeting – February 27, 2021

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
2021 Grand List Abstract Report**

Real Estate	Parcel Count	Municipal value	Education (taxable) Homestead	Education (taxable) Non-Residential	Total Education
Residential I	97	18,321,500	11,877,000	6,444,500	18,321,500
Residential II	119	37,854,000	23,284,100	14,569,900	37,854,000
Mobile Homes U	6	247,200	233,500	13,700	247,200
Mobile Homes L	32	3,883,200	2,592,900	1,290,300	3,883,200
Seasonal I	53	7,685,800	505,700	7,180,100	7,685,800
Seasonal II	11	2,557,000	0	2,557,000	2,557,000
Commercial	3	316,900	0	316,900	316,900
Utilities E	1	2,544,200	0	2,544,200	2,544,200
Farm	11	5,490,000	911,100	4,578,900	5,490,000
Woodland	1	159,600	0	159,600	159,600
Miscellaneous	106	8,390,100	589,000	7,801,100	8,390,100
TOTALS	440	87,449,500	39,487,600	47,961,900	87,449,500
Exemptions					
Cable	1	313,900	0	313,900	313,900
Veterans	2	80,000	10,000	10,000	20,000
TVFD Grand-fathered	1	69,000	0	69,000	69,000
Current Use	70	8,467,700	1,543,600	6,924,100	8,467,700
TOTAL Taxable Property		\$ 788,328.00	\$ 379,340.00	\$ 412,727.00	\$ 792,067.00

Board of Listers Report

Due to the continuing pandemic, 2021 site visits were limited. Thank you to all who provided information via telephone and email. We hope to catch up during the spring of 2022.

The Vermont Tax Department's Division of Property Valuation & Review has conducted its annual sales review and determined that Tinmouth's common level of appraisal (CLA) for 2022 is 91.38 %. In 2021 it was 98.25%. The CLA is a comparison of what value the town has properties assessed at, and what they are selling for, using a three year average. The real estate market has gone a bit bonkers and that is reflected in this. Properties are selling for half again as much as they are currently assessed. This decrease usually results in an increase in the school tax rates – even if the School Budget is level funded!

Reminder: the state requires all residential property owners to file a Homestead Declaration form every year, whether you owe income taxes or not. If you make less than \$141,000, you also need to file the property tax adjustment form and the household income form to be eligible for income sensitivity, due by April 18th. You can file online at: <https://www.myvtax.vermont.gov>

As always, you are welcome to and encouraged to review the information in the Listers' files on your property.

Thank you to retiring Lister Shirley Bucceri. This was Shirley's second stint as a Lister. Her experience and talent is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, *Gail Fallar*, Chair

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Delinquent Tax Report
As of December 31, 2021**

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016	Totals
Baker, Carol	8,544.35	0	5,140.32				13,684.67
Baker, Douglas	0	113.16	129.06	136.08	145.30	2,523.93	3,047.53
Benjamin, Alan & Webster, Mary	107.62						107.62
Blanchard, Brett C &	131.54						131.54
Bushee, Penny	0	0	0	0	0	588.87	588.87
Carabeau, Larry & Cris (3)	12,318.98	2,740.03	1,623.89				16,682.90
Carboni Branchaud, Tami	2,001.60						2,001.60
Carmen, Courtney w/ Cook, Jeremy	1,384.35	1,589.94	663.49				3,637.78
Dana, Tyler	3,578.90						3,578.90
* *	825.10						825.10
Finlay, Barbara	4,655.09						4,655.09
Gerrol, Stuart	654.66						654.66
Green, Myron w/Clyde Est	508.93	573.62	699.06				1,781.61
Honey Pond Farm LLC	28.70						28.70
*	837.06						837.06
*	2,327.34						2,327.34
*	1,879.80						1,879.80
* *	6,222.94						6,222.94
Perry, Peggy	997.31						997.31
Prouty, Richard & Hazel	0	1,714.92	2,588.41	2,206.80			6,510.13
Rogers, Anita	1,116.88	1,258.80					2,375.68
Sears, Frank	5,588.52						5,588.52
CU Revised bill	285.95						285.95
Velde, Lisa	118.38	0	0	321.09	181.28		620.75
Velde, Thomas Jr.	0	102.40	0	428.11	395.35	1,028.19	1,954.05
*	686.39						686.39
Whiting, Fairfield, Jr.	1,195.80						1,195.80
Woods, Alfred	3,324.32						3,324.32
CU Revised bill	102.83						102.83
TOTAL	\$59,423.34	\$8,092.87	\$10,844.23	\$3,092.08	\$721.93	4,140.99	\$86,315.44

Amount includes tax, penalty and interest currently due.

* Payment in full received after December 31, 2021

* * Properties sold – confusion over payments – notices not sent until January 20th, 2022

CU – Current Use Program – late processing by State – revised bill

Cat Yoder, Delinquent Tax Collector

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Delinquent Tax Collection Breakdown FY21

Taxes	\$ 79,187.85
Interest	5,324.70
Penalty	1,921.33
Expenses	<u>78.85</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 86,512.73</u>

Tinmouth Town Health Officer Annual Report 2021

The general duties of the “THO” from the Town Health Officer Handbook are: “Town Health Officers (THO) are given authority by Vermont law to investigate and mitigate steps and may enforce any State health regulations and local health ordinances in their town.”

In Tinmouth, THO calls answered and acted upon in 2021 included:

Confirmed trash cleaned up on road at end of McNamara Road and Maplebrook Lane.

Respectfully Submitted, *Meadow Squier* Tinmouth Town Health Officer

Tinmouth Planning Commission
2021

This year we welcomed Judy Gilmore as the newest member of the TPC. A lifelong resident of town, Judy joins her brother Andy, also a member.

We said goodbye to our friend and member Grant Reynolds who passed this year. His passion for debate made for interesting conversations that could last well into the evening. He is missed.

Also this year, the Planning Commission completed the application for a Village Center Designation and received approval from the state. This was a long time in the works, interrupted by the Covid pandemic. Thank you to the members that finished it up, with a big thanks to Bob Lloyd. Hopefully this new designation will aid in future planning and other state grant opportunities.

We had several subdivision applications, after a number of years without any. Two were approved, three others are in various stages with their surveyors, hopefully to be completed in 2022. We look forward to the coming year.

You are invited to drop in to a meeting anytime to see what goes on. We would be glad to see you.

Thank you, *Michael Fallar*, Chair

Tinmouth Contra Dance

The Tinmouth Contra Dance was a monthly dance series that was open to all. It has been funded by admission at the door and a grant from the Tinmouth Community Fund. In a typical year we ran 8 dances per year on the third Friday of the month. A partner is never required and all dances are taught. 50-100 people attended each dance. The dance shut down in March 2020 due to Covid 19 and has not restarted yet. We look forward to better days when swinging your partner is safe.

Check out our website at tinmouthcontradance.org or like us on Facebook at Tinmouth Contra Dance.

Cathy Reynolds, Doug Fontein, Marshall, Melody and Wheaton Squier

TOWN OF TINMOUTH 2021 Annual Report Tinmouth Town Library

The Tinmouth Library is a **Reader's Library**, one which we hope fills the needs of children and adults. It is the goal of the Tinmouth Library to fuel the fires of intelligence and the imagination.

The Tinmouth Library is an all-volunteer, all-donation library. This means that no person working at the library receives money for their services to the library; the library is completely staffed by volunteers. In order that we might pay for our purchases and expenses we hold fund raisers and we accept monetary donations.

There was no book sale this year because of the pandemic. Covid 19 closed down the library and cancelled most of the activities. We opened one day a week, mid year, and we sincerely hope we can increase that in 2022.

Our writer's group continued to meet on "zoom" and although we were not together, we had folks from Maryland and California with us. The writer's group is a group of committed writers who meet monthly under the leadership of Nelson Jaquay to share what they have written and get feedback.

The Little Free Library is thriving, and we thank The Tinmouth Community Fund for helping us fund it! It is a "put and take" structure with books that are FREE to anyone who chooses to use it. It is located on the porch of the town office. Please add only one or two books at a time – do not bring a box full – Thank you.

We thank all the many volunteers who keep the library running in these difficult times.

We believe that reading is essential to our good health!

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Drachman, Librarian

Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department 2021

Fire Departments all over the country are grappling with the effects of the Pandemic with how they operate. The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department is having to adapt with this new threat as well. Like many other Fire Departments large and small, we are now meeting remotely and training virtually with training videos and discussions, to remain as ready as possible. Our fundraising has also changed and we may not be able to host our famous Tinmouth Game Supper as we have in the past. Vaccine hesitation, and not all willing to take it, poses new approaches to how the Department operates for an unknown period. Hopefully most people in the greater community who are considered high risk will be vaccinated, but even some of those considered high risk are declining to be vaccinated. Some members of the Fire Department are also declining at this time. This is all personal choice for different reasons and will be respected.

As First Responders, our first responsibility is to do no harm in our efforts to help others. Considering all of this, we do not want to put anyone at greater risk that we may be trying to help. If you are a person that is considered high risk please contact Chief Marshall Squier: 802-235-2718 or Sherry Johnson: 802-446-3307. This information remains within the department to help us identify and make changes in our response so we do not further compromise anyone's safety. If your situation changes please let us know as well.

Adapting to these changes requires us to keep safety for all in mind within our department and our department has adopted mask wearing and social distancing to the best of our abilities as most other department have also done. As an ALL VOLUNTEER Fire Department we appreciate all community members doing their part in respecting these necessary changes.

Part of this, as community members, would mean you're being as proactive as possible. Check and update fire detectors, have fire extinguishers on all floors of the home and in the kitchen, keep chimneys clean and debris and furniture away from wood stoves. Call Fire Warden Glenn Merrill 446-2782 or Assistant Fire Warden Wheaton Squier 802-446-2082 for outdoor burn permits.

It is illegal to burn outdoors without a permit unless there is snow on the ground. However spring and fall are the highest risk for brush fire so do not burn without a permit please.

As Chief, I would like to thank every Firefighter past and present who has given and continues to give a part of their lives to help others. These members are all exemplary people and the personal satisfaction in helping others, and heartfelt gratitude expressed by community members is our only pay.

Chief Marshall "Mo" Squier, Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department

**TINMOUTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND FUND BALANCE – CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND 2020**

	2021	2020
INCOME		
Town allotment	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Grants	450	450
Donations	8,080	1,285
Supper	3,207	7,130
Raffle	-	2,560
Tag sale	1,979	-
Other	<u>355</u>	<u>555</u>
 Total income	 <u>39,071</u>	 <u>36,980</u>
EXPENSES		
Equipment purchased	3,240	883
Dues	2,100	2,100
Electricity	2,637	1,135
Gasoline and diesel fuel	100	-
Game supper expenses	-	1,464
Heat	2,600	2,369
Insurance	5,626	6,618
Office expense	103	80
Raffle expenses	-	690
Repairs and maintenance	8,853	2,853
Small tools	3,087	2,154
Supplies	479	801
Telephone	653	492
Education	<u>-</u>	<u>185</u>
 Total expenses	 <u>29,478</u>	 <u>21,824</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH	9,593	15,156
 CASH, beginning October 1st	 <u>107,459</u>	 <u>92,303</u>
 CASH, ending September 30th	 <u>\$ 117,052</u>	 <u>\$ 107,459</u>
 CASH BALANCES:		
Unrestricted	\$ 67,052	\$ 62,459
Restricted – truck fund	<u>50,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
 Total fund balances	 <u>\$ 117,052</u>	 <u>\$ 107,459</u>

Steve Goyette, Treasurer

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Energy Committee Report

The Energy Committee was an all virtual endeavor this year. We supported the efforts of the Button Up Vermont campaign by sharing information on their weekly virtual Weatherization Wednesdays, archived versions of each week are available: <https://buttonupvermont.org/events>, and publicized incentives available for completing home energy projects. We have a page on the town website, Tinmouthvt.org, check it out. New members interested in our efforts to support energy efficiency in our community are welcome. If you are interested, contact the Select Board indicating your interest in being appointed.

Respectfully submitted, *Todd Dennis*

Tinmouth Website Committee
Website: tinmouthvt.org

The Website Committee continues to work on our website, tinmouthvt.org. We add pages and train others to post events to the calendar and to post minutes and agendas. We accept your high definition photos at any time during the year, although we cannot load them all,. It is great to see various views of town in various seasons.

We hope that you will all make use of our website, and learn what is available. It is a great resource for community information and events.

Respectfully submitted, Tinmouth Website Committee
Todd Dennis, Nancy Gucker Birdsall, Sherry Johnson, Cathy Reynolds

The Old Creamery Project

The Old Creamery Committee has not been up to much this year. We plan on convening this Spring to work on a list for upcoming spring/summer projects. This includes installing electricity (an electrician was hired last summer, but the work did not get done) and creating a room that can be accessed for storage for pizza oven users, the Conservation Commission, and whatever else needs a bit of covered space (Historical Society perhaps). Painting the south and east sides will also be on the list.

If you are interested in helping keep this historical building around, look for our meeting dates and come on by.

Thank you to all the volunteers, past and present for your dedication and enthusiasm.

We thank the Tinmouth Community Fund for a grant this year to help with ongoing project costs.

And a big thank you to all who donated in memory of former Chair Grant Reynolds. He convinced the Select Board to keep the building as an important part of Tinmouth's Historic District. He spent countless hours and resources on its preservation and restoration. His talents and commitment will be missed.

Michael Fallar, Committee Member



Making Progress on the Old Creamery

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Tinmouth Conservation Commission 2021

At the start of the year Doug Fontein passed the torch as Chair to Rainbow Squier. We would like to thank Doug for his many years serving the Conversation Commission and are grateful to still have his motivation, passion and commitment with us.

At Town Meeting the voters approved an annual allocation from the town budget to an ongoing Conservation Fund. This will be used to pay for conservation projects in town and be controlled by the CC. Any funds not used in the budget year will remain in the Fund for future use.

Tinmouth's Green Up, our annual clean up of roadside litter, changed to a do-it-yourself event in 2020 and remained so for 2021. This was to avoid Covid risks from an in-person group event. We hope to return to our fun, in-person group event, hopefully in 2022. Stay tuned to *Tales of Tinmouth* and Front Porch Forum in the spring for more details. Thank you to everyone who helped green up Tinmouth this year!

The Drachman Trail is up and running. Built in memory of long-time Tinmouth resident, renowned pediatrician, hiker, and naturalist Bob Drachman, this is a one-mile loop trail of moderate difficulty for hiking, X-C skiing and snowshoeing. The trail, on Drachman property, starts on Crow Hill Road, 0.2 miles beyond the junction with the East Road. There is seasonal parking and a map of the blazed trail at the trailhead. Please, no use of this trail from snow melt until May 31 due to muddy conditions. Plans are afoot for a spur trail to a viewpoint, stay tuned. Tinmouth residents are welcome on the trail, call or email a CC member with questions on trail use.

The CC continues to coordinate with the Select Board on recreation/conservation use of the town lot behind the transfer station. We've identified several potential uses for this plot, including planting and growing fruit trees, a disc golf course, a walking/bird watching path and picnic tables. In addition to these, future uses may include pickle ball and volleyball courts, community gardens and horseshoe courts. First steps for the site involve working with the Select Board on figuring out access and parking.

The Tinmouth Mountain Cabin, after a brief closure due to Covid protocols, is again open for day and overnight use. Please call 802-446-2928 for overnight reservations and please use physical distancing and masks for any day use. The cabin is accessed via the Tinmouth Purchase Loop Trail. The cabin saw a rise in use this year. The CC had a successful workday in November, putting up more battens, extending the chimney, and cutting firewood. Thank you to everyone who helped!

The Tinmouth Mountain Ridge Trail remains a popular out-and-back day hike to a lovely vista. The trail is about 2 miles round trip and quite steep in places. Go to Alltrails.com for more information. Permission was granted to add switchbacks to the trail, this will be done in 2022 as well as fixing some of the bog bridges on the path. There is also a kiosk at the beginning of the trail – north of the Community Center.

The Tinmouth Mountain School is considering a "literature trail" on a portion of the Ridge Trail. In brief, this would be pages from a children's book, laminated and fixed to a placard. The placards, on trees or posts, would be placed at intervals along the trail, allowing walkers to read a book on their walk. This is projected to happen in the spring.

The CC met with the Tinmouth walking club and discussed future ideas for creating and connecting more walking paths throughout Tinmouth. We are excited to continue working with them this coming year. If the idea of more walking paths excites you and you have ideas or want to get involved please reach out to Rainbow Squier at 802-446-9529. We hope to have a map available in 2022.

The CC also plans to launch a Tinmouth resident nature photo contest to celebrate the beauty of the land that surrounds us. Stay tuned to the *Tales of Tinmouth* and Front Porch Forum for more information coming soon.

Thanks to everyone in town who has helped with Green Up, trail building and maintenance, cabin repairs and other conservation initiatives. You're invited to attend any of our meetings, generally on the 3rd Monday, every other month at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, *Rainbow Squier*, Chair



Parade onlookers!



TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Community Fund Report 2021

Even during a pandemic, the Community Fund remained busy. In 2021 the Fund paid out Continuing Education scholarships of \$20,000, Community Fund grants of \$8,440, Small Business Grants of \$2,300, and K-12 camp scholarships of \$1,432.

We received donations of \$10,175 in individual donations including donations in memory of Ramsey Yoder and Marion Squier, plus \$12,000 from the Tinmouth plant sale.

As of the end of the 3rd quarter 2021, your TCF assets have increased to \$558,263. End of year statements are released in early February after this report goes to press.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Tinmouth Community Fund. Would you consider donating to TCF for grants and scholarships in the future? Those contributions remain at home, making Tinmouth a better place to live.

The TCF Board consists of 9 members serving three year terms. The current Board consists of Jan Krantz-Chair, Casey Voigtlaender-Vice Chair, Cathy Reynolds-Treasurer, Helen Mango-Secretary, Melody Squier, Asha Carroll McCullough, Nikki Pfeiffer, Lisa Patry, and Todd Dennis. The Scholarship Committee includes Cathy Reynolds, Bob Lloyd, Ruth Drachman, Rene Wilbur, Denise McGinley, Nelson Jaquay, Asha Carroll McCullough, Frank Sears and Jan Krantz.

The TCF Board has decided to align the due date for all TCF grant and scholarship applications. Beginning in 2022, Community Grant, Small Business Grant, K-12 Scholarship, and Continuing Education Scholarship applications, will all be due on the same date, May 1st. In addition, we typically hold our Annual Meeting on Town Meeting Day, but beginning in 2022, this meeting will take place in early June, prior to the Awards Night at the Tinmouth Community Center. As usual, we will elect three directors, share our progress from the past year, and make plans for 2022. We will advertise the Annual Meeting and Awards Night in advance. All are welcome!

Jan Krantz, Chair

A Note of Appreciation: Ramsey Yoder, founder of the Tinmouth Community Fund with his late wife Patty, in 1999, died in March of 2021. His initial vision for the Community Center construction blossomed in to a vibrant Fund that supports many Grants to Tinmouth groups and residents annually. They are missed, but their vision continues.

Tinmouth Community Fund 2021

Balance 1/1/21 Town Checking Account	\$11,022.53
Revenues:	
Interest	\$ 10.68
Donations	\$ 7,470.00
Transfer from Vermont Community Fund	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>
	\$ 10,980.68
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 22,003.21
Expenses	
Community Grants	\$ 9,940.00
Expenses/Re-Directed Donations	\$ 1,697.56
K-12 Camp Scholarships	\$ 1,432.00
Transfer to Continuing Ed Scholarship Fund	<u>\$ 2,675.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 15,744.56
Balance 12/31/21 Town Checking Account	\$ 6,258.65
*Balance of funds are endowed at the Vermont Community Foundation.	

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Community Fund Continuing Education Scholarship Fund 2021

Town Checking Account Balance 1/1/2021		\$6,094.45
Revenues		
Donations	\$ 1,805.00	
Donations in memory of Ramsey Yoder	3,075.00	
Lloyd Family	1,398.00	
Plant Sale	11,454.00	
Transfer from TCF	2,675.00	
Interest	<u>5.57</u>	
Total	\$ 20,412.57	\$26,507.02
Expenditures		
Scholarships		
TCFCES	\$ 18,500.00	
Susan McIntosh Lloyd	<u>1,500.00</u>	
Total Expenditures	\$ 20,000.00	
Balance 12/31/2021		\$6,507.02

Tinmouth Community Fund 2021

Community Grants – All \$500 unless otherwise noted

Community Grants Cycle I

Tinmouth Directory
 Old Creamery – Interior Work
 Tales – Printing and Postage
 Tinmouth Pond Milfoil
 Be Seen In Tinmouth – Reflective Clothing
 Tinmouth School – Butterfly Garden
 Tinmouth Plant Sale – Water System
 Tinmouth Elves – Clothing/Gifts for Needy Families
 Tinmouth Walking Club – Map of Walking Trails

Total Community Grants

Community Grants Cycle II

Imagination Library – Children’s Books
 Tinmouth Fire Dept. – New Tables - \$450
 Punch Cards/Garbage Bags - \$440
 New Community Center Sign
 Be Seen In Tinmouth - \$50
 Tinmouth School – Garden Bench
 Tinmouth School – Little Free Library
 Tinmouth School – Painting Lessons
 Tinmouth Snack Bar – Community Bike Rack

\$8,440

Small Business Grants – All \$500 unless otherwise noted

Small Business Grants Cycle I

Tom Jewelry - \$300
 Vermont Mountain Meadows Farm
 Tinmouth Snack Bar – Electrical Work

Total Small Business Grants

Small Business Grants Cycle II

Phil’s Mill – Web Design
 Tinmouth Snack Bar – Equipment

\$2,300

K-12 Scholarships for Camp

\$1,432

Continuing Education Scholarships

\$ 20,000

(Including the \$1,500 Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarship)

2021 Continuing Ed Scholarship Recipients: *Colleen Balch, Michael Fallar, Anna Hasenohr, Hannah LaMarche, Sadira Majorell, Amy Martone, Seamus Nauton, Allison Nemeth, Noah Patry, Jaron Rochon, Rachel Stratton, Riley Usher, and Emma Weatherhogg.*

*Cathy Reynolds, TCF Treasurer
 Gail Fallar, Town Treasurer*

The Vermont Community Foundation (VCF) asked the Tinmouth Community Fund (TCF) to collect all donations. The TCF Board of Directors decided that in lieu of drawing down interest, grants would be funded with annual donations and the balance sent to VCF. This leaves all principal and interest at VCF and helps grow the fund.

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Community Center Annual Report**

Beginning Balance 7/1/20	\$ 4,125.46
Revenues:	
Interest	3.50
Donations for Use	<u>0</u>
Total	\$ 3.50
Expenses:	
Salary, FICA, for Building Manager	<u>1,130.06</u>
Total	\$ 1,130.06
Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 2,998.90</u>

2021 Tinmouth Community Center

This was again a year of navigating the State’s Covid public gathering guidelines. The board met numerous times to coordinate with the school as to how to use the Community Center safely.

The Community Center Board also spent time discussing better ways to coordinate maintenance with the school district so to limit disruption to Community Center functions.

The School District replaced the asphalt roof on the Community Center and the School this past summer.

Let’s hope next year we will see a lot more events and activities in the building!

Ann Czar, Chair

Tinmouth Community Center and Old Firehouse Use Report for 2021

The Tinmouth Community Center and Old Firehouse provide valuable space for gatherings of all kinds. This year, due to Covid-19 there were only 13 events at the Community Center. These events included: Pickle ball, volley ball, Christian worship service fellowship and meals, Community Fund Scholarship awards, Town fun day, Christmas town event, baby showers, birthday parties and memorials. The Old Firehouse held 7 events. These events included: Town Meeting voting, a cemetery meeting, School lunch at the bake oven, Tinmouth town wide yard sale set up, Four Winds training and the Christmas town event.

We appreciate all those who continue to be understanding as we navigate Covid protocols and look forward to gathering in our community spaces more regularly soon!

Respectfully submitted, *Rainbow Squier*
Building Manager & TCC Coordinator

Community Center Use Guidelines

The Tinmouth Community Center is a Tinmouth community resource. Use of the facility is intended to engage, build and strengthen the greater Tinmouth community for historical, educational, cultural, social, intellectual and recreational enrichment. It is available only to Tinmouth residents or taxpayers, who must sign the rental agreement and make all arrangements with the Community Center Building Manager. Renters must be on site during the rental event and arrange for pick up and return of the key.

Please take a look at the detailed information for Use on the town website:

www.tinmouthvt.org/community-center/

Rainbow Squier, Building Manager and TCC Coordinator
r.squiert@gmail.com 802-446-9529

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Tinmouth Emergency Management

It's been an eventful year. At the dawn of 2021 the Covid crisis was still upon us but the tools to combat it were also coming into play and early inoculations lowered the infections to a rate where by midsummer here in Tinmouth we were celebrating with a community gathering and life was looking good. The governor ended the emergency declaration and emergency management reduced its activities accordingly. Then the new variants emerged and Covid became more like a way of life for the foreseeable future. Thankfully we now can mitigate infections with vaccinations which either stop the infection or reduce its effect to where a good outcome can be expected among the vast majority of patients. Tragically a significant portion of the population refuses to believe the overwhelming evidence of the successful application of vaccines and are dying as a consequence. At this writing the nation has suffered more than eight hundred thousand deaths, a large percentage of which could have been avoided.

In other business concerning emergency management I can report the following. In April, the committee tasked to develop the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan submitted this instrument for ratification by the State and was approved. This was the culmination of several months of work done by a group of dedicated Tinmouthians and they have my heartfelt gratitude. The annual Local Emergency Management Plan was adopted as well. The upshot of this is that we are in the best position to apply for the maximum financial relief should we experience damage from natural disasters which are becoming more common due to our damaged planetary ecosystem. Just to spice things up, the legislature has handed down a new mandate to create Regional Emergency Management Committees to combine resources toward better regional planning and response. This is a laudable notion however at our first regional meeting in December there were not enough people in attendance to adopt the bylaws, so we will see what the future brings. This new law requires a second voting member besides myself from the emergency services of each town and Ryan Deppert, a seasoned member of the Fire Department, stepped up fill that position, so thank you Ryan. Tinmouth was well represented at our first group meeting unlike some other member towns.

One issue that does cause great consternation among the Emergency Management community is the disfunction in communication during extended power outages. In short, while the new fiber-optic phone systems are wonderful when the power is working, once it goes out the batteries in the modems have a very limited life expectancy. The first thing folks do when in these situations is get on their phones and run down the batteries chatting with their friends about the state they are in, calling the power company or to entertain themselves as they sit in the dark. The elderly and infirm, who we worry about the most, may not be tech savvy enough to cope with problem. The upshot is that we have a problem during extended outages being able to offer emergency response. Our fire department is very aware of this issue and there has been much discussion about the problem and we have come up with a plan.

The idea that has emerged would help if the citizens of Tinmouth were willing to do it. It harkens back to the days of the "phone tree" which, though primitive, saved more than one house in this town from burning down. Volunteers covered these phones and there were generally enough of them available at a given moment to pass on the call to the fire department personnel when needed. The new idea is to ask people who generally have back up power to offer their homes to be emergency call centers. This would strictly be for calls for the fire department, ambulance service or police assistance during black outs only. A sign or symbol would be attached to, say the mailbox of those willing to provide this help in order to identify their location as a 911 providing household. This idea has been run by our 911 regional dispatch hub and they are not opposed to trying it. When a 911 call comes in the location of the phone is "pinged" by the cell towers so that the location is usually known. Operators also are expected to ask for a specific address to send responders to as well. Callers should remember this and make sure that the equipment is being sent to the proper location. If you have back up power and would be willing to help mitigate this chronic problem please contact the Town Clerk at 802-446-2498 and add your name to the list of volunteers and you will be contacted as the new "old" system is developed.

Michael Fannin
Tinmouth Emergency Management Director

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

All regularly scheduled quarterly meetings of the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (SWARC) were suspended in 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Committee plans to get back in business as soon as possible. Many thanks to Secretary Helen Mango who wrote the application to re-certify the transfer station.

Respectfully submitted, *Wheaton Squier*, Chair

Tinmouth Transfer Station 2021

The Tinmouth Transfer Station is open on Wednesdays from 4 pm to 7 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 12 pm. There is a fee of \$2.50 per bag via punch cards that are purchased at the Town Office. Recycling disposal is free of charge to residents.

We can all do our part to keep Vermont beautiful by remembering the simple rules for recycling:

- (1) You can recycle empty and rinsed clean containers like bottles, cans, and jars; clean and dry paper and cardboard; aluminum, steel, glass, and plastics.
- (2) You cannot recycle plastic bags, textiles, or food products (please see note on composting below).
- (3) Scrap metal, batteries, and electronics do not belong in the trash or recycle bins, but you can bring them to the transfer station for disposal. We only collect small batteries at the TS (no car/truck batteries), we do have a container for scrap metal (a 30 yard container) and electronics (in gaylords/big cardboard boxes in the recycling shed).
- (4) Construction materials and demolition waste are not accepted at the Transfer Station.
- (5) Pharmaceuticals can be disposed of at your local pharmacy, police department, or hospital.
- (6) Hazardous Household Wastes (HHW) must be disposed of properly – you have to bring it to one of the special days that are held in April or September. Please see HHW info on page 38-39.

For more information, please see the Acceptable Recyclables List on the Town of Tinmouth website at tinmouthvt.org, or pick up the list at the Town Office or Transfer Station.

The Select Board decided that any unit that may contain Freon will no longer be accepted – this includes refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers. The town could not find a contractor to remove the refrigerant which is required by State and Federal law.

Starting in July 2020, all Vermonters were required to separate organic food waste from trash and recyclables. There is currently a composting bin available to dispose of organic food materials. The compost bin is located next to trash dumpster.

As we continue to promote safety and security during the Covid-19 pandemic, we appreciate that all visitors to the Tinmouth Transfer Station wear masks and keep a 6 foot distance from others.

If you have any questions for me, Charlie or Gunner, we are always happy to help. Remember: *When in doubt Throw it out.* It's better than trashing the recycle bin!

You may contact me as the Manager at 802-446-3433 with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Martone, Transfer Station Manager



Community Fun Day Cornhole Tournament

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Rutland County Sheriff's Department Report Tinmouth Vermont
2021

Thus far, in the 2020-2021 contract time frame, RCS D has responded to 31 incidents, performed 31 traffic stops, and had one criminal arrest. Sheriff's Deputies average 10 hours per week, covering five to six days per week. With Tinmouth being one of the towns in Regional Patrol with Ira, Danby and Middletown Springs this is a great benefit to these towns. This allows smaller towns who are working with a smaller tax base the ability to have more directed law enforcement coverage for their money. An example of this would be at any time RCS D has a Deputy assigned to Regional Patrol we will respond to incidents in any of these four towns, thus in reality giving Tinmouth 40 hours a week coverage for the cost of paying for 10 hours per week.

The hours are managed weekly, so if we go over the allotted 10 hours per week, we will scale back your directed coverage until we are back on track with hours. However, this does not mean if we have used the allotted hours for the week we will not respond to complaints. We will continue to respond to incidents in your town and continue to manage the hours. This cooperation between these four towns has worked well over the past few years and we hope this kind of cooperation will continue in the future.

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department is honored to provide your law enforcement needs.

Respectfully Submitted, *David J. Fox*, Sheriff
Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC)

The RRPC is a resource for towns, a platform for ideas, and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission and the Town of Tinmouth continued working together in 2021 on many community development initiatives, including:

- Assisted the Selectboard with an application to VTrans Transportation Alternatives Program for town sand/salt shed replacement project.
- Worked with Town Clerk and EMD on various emergency management projects: update 2021 Local Emergency Management Plan, adopt Rutland Region Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement, appoint Regional Emergency Management Committee voting members for 2021-2022, and work to enroll the town in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Worked with Road Commissioner to complete FY21 Grants in Aid construction projects (2 segments improved), purchase roller through FY21 GIA equipment purchase program, and applied for FY22 GIA construction program funding.
- Assisted the planning team update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Worked with the town on Flower Brook Watershed stormwater projects and a climate resilience plan with the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District.

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning; want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community, or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call - we'd love to hear from you!



Community Fun Day Horseshoe competition

Ed Bove, Rutland Regional Planning Commission
802-775-0871 x 208



TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project
2021

TPMP continues to work to control Eurasian Water Milfoil, as once it is present it cannot be eradicated. Suction harvesting is still the main focus of this effort. Cat and Shane Yoder are the divers responsible for removing 410 buckets of this pesky weed in 2021. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

TPMP expresses its appreciation to the Town of Tinmouth for their continued support of \$2,500 per year and to the Tinmouth Community Fund for another grant to help with this project. Property owners around the lake/pond donated over \$11,000, as well as volunteered countless hours catching fragments, assisting with disposal of the milfoil (makes great compost), and educating lake owners/users with regards to preventing the further spread of invasive species in Tinmouth Pond or to other water bodies.

The 2021 TPMP Board consisted of President Mark Miraglia, Vice President Scott Lepley, Treasurer Gail Fallar, Secretary Laurel Swenson, Financial Secretary Sherry Johnson, Assistant Treasurer Susan Juckett, and Members-at-Large: Laurie Bepler, Tom Miles, and MaryAnn Reinholt.

Gail Fallar, TPMP Treasurer

Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project
Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Beginning balance January 1, 2021	\$ 20,115.44
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Income:

Dues	1,325.00	
Donations	8,462.50	
TCF Grant	500.00	
2020 VT State Grant - DEC	4,946.00	
Town Annual Allotment	2,500.00	
Raffle / Fund Raising	3,095.00	
Interest	<u>34.01</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 21,164.51	

Total of Income and Beginning Balance	\$ 41,279.95
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Expenses:

Contracted services (divers)	6,244.50	
Insurance	1,598.75	
Repairs	867.18	
P.O.Box/stamps/office supplies/other	<u>330.56</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 9,040.99	

Ending balance December 31, 2021	\$ 32,238.96
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Gail Fallar, Treasurer

*Open House at the
Tinmouth Library*



**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
2021 Vital Records**

Births

Stella Staples, March 12, 2021
Felix Harvey Pfeiffer-Leeds, March 22, 2021
Grayson Dale Predom, June 14, 2021
Phoebe Martell, September 9, 2021
Ana E. Lynch, October 4, 2021

Marriages

Alfred John Woods and Monique Kingston, May 15, 2021
Rebecca Leigh Hayes and Robert Alan Meyer, June 5, 2021
James D. Perron and Louise Freed Perron, July 15, 2021
Madhavi Chitra Rao and Richard Treat Carrick, August 7, 2021
Maggie Irene Turco and Izaak Carl Young, August 7, 2021
Shalane Tiglao Layugan and Adrian Frank Peterson III, August 21, 2021
Shayna Marie Zuk and Shane Nicholas Garfi, August 28, 2021
Evan Everett Stone and Catherine Anne Hannah, October 22, 2021

Deaths

G. Ramsey Yoder, March 3, 2021
Grant Reynolds, May 17, 2021
Fred Aines, Jr., June 23, 2021
Marion Hambly, July 8, 2021
Doris Schneider, September 21, 2021
Nathan Ricketts, September 26, 2021

Burial Permits

Ione Chisamore, April 19, 2021
Edward F. Gilmore, Sr., June 19, 2021
Robert Spencer Johnson, June 19, 2021
Cynthia Hardy Johnson, June 19, 2021
Mavis B. Larson, September 11, 2021
Karen Ellen Perron (later removed and buried in Proctor), Nov. 13, 2021

Burial Transit Information / Private Burial

Note: Burial Transit Permits may be issued to family members of a deceased person to move the body to another town. No law prohibits family members from moving the bodies themselves if they choose, as long as they have a permit. According to Title 18 V.S.A. Section 5201, the only restriction appears to be when certain contagious diseases are the cause of death, in which case the local health officer or Board of Health must approve the issuance of the permit first.

Families occasionally choose to set aside a portion of their private property for the burial of members of their immediate family. This is permitted under Vermont Law, as long as no health hazard is created. (Title 18 V.S.A. Section 5319). Questions you may have about establishing a private burial plot on your property may be referred to the Vermont Department of Health at 802-863-7275.



*Ramsey
Yoder*



*Marion
Hambly*



*Grant
Reynolds*

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Cemetery Association, Inc.

The Tinmouth Cemetery Association is a Vermont non-profit corporation formed in 1921. Trustees are Glenn D. Merrill, Stan Wilbur, David Gilmore, Bob Bradley and Laurie Phillips. There is an opening for an additional trustee. The only criteria is the person own a lot in the Tinmouth Cemetery. Anyone interested in serving as a trustee please contact Glenn or Laurie.

The Association held its Annual Meeting on April 21, 2021 and elected Glenn D. Merrill, President; Laurie Phillips, Vice President; Stan Wilbur, Treasurer; and Laurie Philips, Secretary. Cemetery Administrative Superintendent is Stan Wilbur and Field Superintendents are Dave Gilmore and Bob Bradley.

The Trustees contracts with FAS Trucking to mow and trim the cemetery. FAS also mows and trims the school, town and church yards. Wheaton Squier prepares graves and assists with burials. The elementary school students resumed the tradition of placing flags on the graves of military veterans for Memorial Day.

There were six burials in the Tinmouth Cemetery in 2021: Robert Spencer Johnson, Cynthia Hardy Johnson, Edward F. Gilmore, Sr., Ione M. Chisamore, Marvis B. Larson, and Karen Ellen Perron (later removed and buried in Proctor).

The Cemetery Association received \$2,500 from the town to assist with the cost of mowing. Other operational costs are funded from endowment account interest, sale of lots and burial fees.

Burial in the Tinmouth Cemetery is restricted to individuals or families with a connection to Tinmouth. To learn more about cemetery policies or to purchase a lot, please contact Glenn D. Merrill or Stan Wilbur.

The Cemetery Association's annual meeting is normally the third Wednesday in April and is open to the public.

Stanley Wilbur, Treasurer

Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society

The Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society's stated purpose is "to encourage and to promote an interest in the history of Tinmouth and its founding families; to collect, assemble, preserve information about Tinmouth; and to share this information with individuals or organizations genuinely interested in the history and genealogies of its founding families".

Membership is open to any individual or organization with roots in Tinmouth and any individual or organization which is interested in the history and heritage of Tinmouth or the genealogy of its founding fathers. *The Tinmouth Channel*, the Society's newsletter, provides the mechanism for sharing and publishing this information. The Society was formed in 1999 and Volume 1, No. 1 of the *Channel* came out in the winter of 1999. An index and past editions are available at the Town Office.

The Society normally schedules three to four working or program meetings a year to collect and preserve Tinmouth's physical and narrative history. However, 2021 was a different kind of year and all meeting and programs were canceled.

Grant Reynolds' passing left a huge hole in the Society's ability to meet its "stated purpose". Grant was an important link in responding to questions about the history of Tinmouth and its founding families. He was the editor of *The Tinmouth Channel*, the Society's newsletter; published "*A Short History of Tinmouth Vermont*", written for the elementary school students; and led the effort in restoring the Old Creamery as an important element of the Center's village fabric.

Because the 2021 annual meeting did not take place Society officers: Stan Wilbur, President; Gail Fallar, Secretary and Archivist; and Vito Macaluso, Treasurer and Membership Chair will serve until the next membership meeting. Please watch Front Porch Forum and *Tales of Tinmouth* for an announcement of date and time. In addition to election of officers and planning and scheduling 2022 programs and projects, the major topic will be how we will meet the Society's stated purpose.

Anyone interested in Tinmouth's past and present is welcomed to join the Society by contacting the Town Office: 802-446-2498 or tinmouthtown@vermontel.net. Currently the Society has 60 members located across the USA and Canada.

Respectfully submitted,
Stan Wilbur, President

TINMOUTH MOUNTAIN SCHOOL
2021 Annual Principal's Report

To the Tinmouth Community,

The Covid pandemic continued to impact the academic and socio-emotional well being of students during the 2021 school year. Teachers and the Tinmouth school community collaboratively mitigated that impact. Students thrived in spite of essential pandemic restrictions, including mask and quarantine policies. The latter accounts for a greater than average absenteeism during 2021.

The number of absences this year increased due to close contact quarantine requirements. This directly impacts academic achievement. In-person learning is significantly more effective than remote learning. While students have remained in-person throughout 2021, the impact of the previous year's remote learning lingers. The effect on academic growth due to increased absenteeism, coupled with the previous year's remote learning trimesters is apparent in lackluster test scores.

Several successful supports were put in place this year to compensate for increased absenteeism and sluggish academic achievement. These include an afterschool homework club and the addition of a district interventionist working with students who struggle in literacy and mathematics. Scheduling was realigned to allocate additional time for direct instruction and remediation as well.

Our outdoor classrooms have been a saving grace. Through daily outside classes, students learn among the sounds and smells of the natural world. As they observe the intricate relationship of biospheres and their inhabitants, they experience a sense of well-being, precipitated by the vast magnificence surrounding them. The students at Tinmouth have weathered the disruption in routines and fatalities within the community with resilience.

Inside the school, space is limited. Our enrollment increased 19% during the 2021 school year. This year's increase of 10 students puts space at a premium. Specials teachers, therapists, and literacy interventionists utilized every accessible alcove.

Our second grade teacher resigned on the 31st of July to take a teaching position in Virginia where the climate is more agreeable. In a small school like Tinmouth, the loss of one teacher equates to 20% of collective expertise. Teacher expertise is probably the most significant factor impacting student progress both academically and socio-emotionally. The preceding year, 2020, was the first year in quite awhile that we had a team of experienced teachers who worked at TMS for several consecutive years. New teachers take at least three years to reach the level of instructional expertise and curricular familiarity needed to impact student learning significantly. Instructional expertise is crucial particularly when teaching multi-aged classes. In spite of this loss in expertise, teachers continued to challenge and engage students throughout 2021 and the results include positive academic growth particularly in mathematics.

A sense of normalcy is evident as the year progresses. Our Winter Sports Program has been revitalized and students will be skiing, snowboarding, and skating in the upcoming months of January and February.

Our spring concert is still an uncertainty. However, students continue to participate in chorus, band, and instrumental lessons. An outside concert may be possible. This will depend on the rise and fall of positive Covid cases in our communities this spring.

Academic growth in 2021, has been positive and steady albeit lackluster. Many of our pre-Covid activities have resumed. Enrollment is up. Overall, our students and teachers are weathering quarantines and restrictions with resilience and optimism.



Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Principal
Tinmouth Mountain School

*Students participating in virtual round-up
with Nelson Jaquay
and
Rev John Hardman-Zimmerman*

**MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION HIGH SCHOOL
2021 Annual Principal's Report**

It's hard to believe that our second semester is only a month away. The 2021 - 2022 school year is moving along at a brisk pace. Despite the challenges Covid has presented us with, our students and staff are embracing being back teaching and learning, in-person, as if nothing has changed.

Our mission at Mill River Union High School is, as a community, to best serve our students and maximize their learning potential. We are extremely proud of our small class sizes, extensive advanced placement (AP) offerings, and our ongoing commitment to and emphasis on a combination of academics, arts, and athletics. All of these lead to what we believe is a personalized, civically-minded, and academically excellent learning environment.

As I mentioned earlier, we started our school year much like in year's past. Teachers and students alike were excited to return to in-person learning, albeit embracing a new normal under specific Covid guidelines and protocols. Other than universal masking and distancing protocols during lunch activities, day to day operation of Mill River is much like any other year.

Mill River Union High School offers a multitude of extracurricular and athletic programs that are a crucial part of our students' and communities' lives. We offer a variety of programs, including baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, soccer, cross-country, Interact Club, Model UN, unified bowling, peer tutoring, skiing, snowboarding, Stage 20, Stage 40, yearbook, wrestling, rock climbing, geo-bee, golf, and student government. Our visual and performing arts programs are a highlight of MRU. Approximately 45% of our student body participates in the performing arts, which speaks wonders for the talents of our student body..

Our work in the classroom has also continued to grow and thrive. Teachers and students are continuing their path to proficiency-based learning and assessment. Students are able to personalize their education, all the while manipulating the content learned and applying it to real-world scenarios. No longer are our students just memorizing and forgetting what they have learned. They are obtaining and utilizing the skills necessary to critically think and analyze the world around them. Our learners are growing globally.

As you can see, Mill River Union High School is preparing our future graduates to be leaders, as well as responsible global citizens. Students are proud of their work and we are proud of them.

Thank you,
Tyler Weideman, Principal

**TINMOUTH MOUNTAIN SCHOOL
2022 Sixth Grade Graduating Class**



*L to R Back: Brock Buffum, Gabe Laferriere, Jimmy Perron
L to R Front: Sophia French, Jayden Pytik*

MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Report from the Superintendent of Schools

It is my pleasure to offer this report on behalf of the Mill River UUSD Superintendent’s Office.

Calendar year 2020 was something else. We all expected 2021 to start with difficulty and finish smoothly. In reality, we have navigated more challenges as a school district in 2021 than we experienced in 2020. Because of this, we certainly know that our community is tired. Tired of the pandemic, the restrictions, the unknown, the conflicts, and the effects of illness on people we care about. Everyone is tired.

But, it is important to note that people in this community are still showing up. Despite the challenges and changes that have emerged over the past two years, your community is showing up. Our students come to school every day under challenging circumstances. Learning and engaging is not always easy. But, they do their absolute best to make it happen. School faculty, staff and administrators - like their peers across the world - are navigating what is without doubt one of the more challenging periods in history to work in schools. But, they are making it happen and students are learning and thriving even under difficult circumstances. Our Board members, even in challenging moments, are showing up and making decisions for the good of the school district and its students. No aspect of the school experience for any of these groups has been unaffected by the pandemic. We see challenges, hurt, heartache and frustration. But, there are also moments of joy, growth, excitement and energy. Through it all, our community keeps showing up.

For anyone not connected to our schools, the following are some of the key aspects of the first half of the 2021-2022 school year:

- We began the school year on schedule on September 1st, with all PK-12 students fully in-person from day one.
- Following the Board’s decision, a flag stating “Black Lives Matter” with a Pride-striped edge flew at Mill River Union High School on the main flagpole from early September through early December.
- During the month of November we hosted vaccination clinics in elementary schools for our students aged 5-11. Elementary vaccination rates are climbing. Our Mill River Union vaccination rates are roughly 60%.
- As of the writing of this letter, we have been in the midst of the most significant levels of Covid cases of the pandemic in our schools. The dynamics have also changed in terms of where authority resides for decision-making in schools in Vermont related to managing the Covid pandemic. The chart below outlines those shifts for your reference.

2020-2021 Authority		2021-2022 Authority
Combination: State & District	Regulatory # of school days Definition of “Attendance” Remote / Hybrid / In-Person	State
State	Operational Masking Screenings Distancing Visitors Events / Sports Spectators	District
State	Public Health Management and communication re: school-based cases Determination of close contacts Assigning quarantine	State

If you ever feel like you need more information about what our school district and its schools are up to, we want to help you to find the information you are looking for. Please do not hesitate to call or email any of our principals with any questions you may have. Please don’t hesitate to call or email our district office with other questions. We’ll work hard to point you in the right direction and find answers if we don’t know them. We are committed to our students, committed to our schools, and committed to this community - through the best of times and the worst of times. Thank you for supporting all that we do on behalf of our community’s students.

Sincerely,
Dave Younce, MRUUSD Superintendent of Schools
<http://millriverschools.org> 802-775-3264

MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
2021 School Board Chair Report

Dear Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth, and Wallingford Communities:

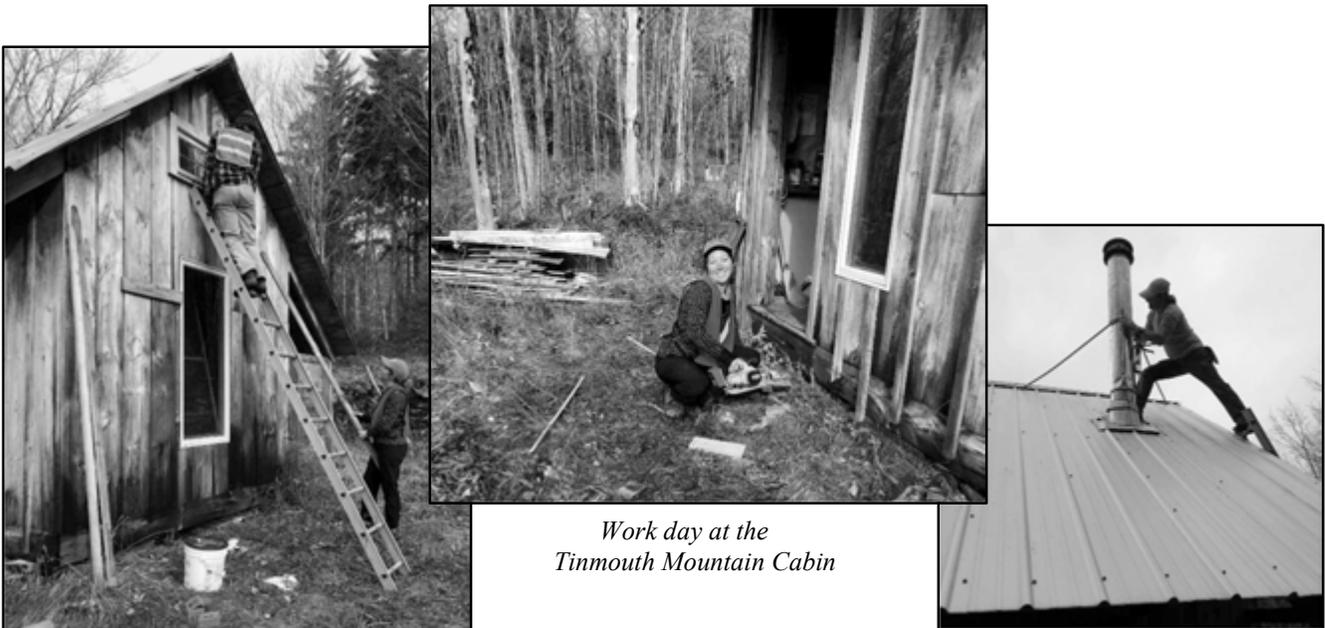
As we are all aware, our schools have been under tremendous pressure from so many directions this past year, most due to the pressures of the ongoing, everchanging Covid pandemic. I'm proud to say that we as a school district have worked hard to keep our students and families informed on the why's and how's of the pandemic responses required by each of our schools. Parents have been so diligent in keeping their children home when they are symptomatic or have a need for quarantining and have been generally supportive of our masking mandate within our buildings and school grounds. These actions have been vital to keeping our children attending in-person classes. As I write this report, we are again entering a new unknown with variants complicating what had started to feel like a return to a more normal school experience for everyone. We continue to encourage everyone to keep up their efforts and to make use of the wonderful vaccines that are available to everyone five years of age and up.

Last year's report made you aware of the District's Equity Plan adoption. We continue working to update our District Policies to conform with that plan. Currently, the board is completing an update of our District Goals, both for the changing dynamics of education in Vermont and the possible funding changes that are planned to be discussed in the Vermont Legislature this upcoming session.

This year we have also been working to increase our connections with our communities. Every town has its own personality and that means each town requires a bit of a different strategy on how best to open conversations. One communication method that has seen growing success is the Community Conversations that were started by the Community Engagement Committee. These have been happening on the 3rd Mondays of most months at 6:30pm. It is a great opportunity to have direct conversations with 2-3 board members on pretty much any subject connected to our schools. During these sessions, your questions can be answered and thoughts shared and we hope that regular attendance will continue and increase over the coming year. The opportunity to speak directly with board members is so valuable, both for those in attendance and for the board members. It is not something that happens easily during regular full board meetings as that is when the business of the board happens with the middle ground being at regularly scheduled monthly committee meetings. These committee meetings are where the nuts and bolts work of the board occurs and they are more casual than our bi-monthly full board meetings allowing for increased public participation.

I close with both a request for patience and a request for communication. Please share your thoughts and needs with us; then have patience as we work through all of these competing demands to find a balance that works the best for the most people.

Sincerely yours,
Adrienne Raymond, Chair



*Work day at the
Tinmouth Mountain Cabin*

- SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES -

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Pamela Lavoie Clapp, Administrator

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Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law

July 1, 2020

Haulers must offer food scrap collection to businesses, schools, transfer stations, and apartment complexes with more than four units.

July 1, 2020

Food scraps are banned from landfills. 20 mile limit no longer applies.

July 1, 2017

Transfer stations must accept food scraps.

Generators of 18 tons of food scraps (½ ton per week) must divert if facility exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2016

Leaf, yard waste and clean wood are banned from landfills. Haulers must offer leaf and yard debris collection.

Generators of 26 tons/year (2 tons per week) of food wastes must divert if composting facility exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2015

Residential trash must be charged based on volume or weight. Recyclables are banned from landfills.

Transfer stations must accept leaf and yard waste.

Haulers and transfer stations must offer residential recycling at no separate charge.

Recycling containers must be provided in all publicly owned spaces where trash cans are located.

Generators of 52 tons/year (1 ton per week) of food wastes must divert if composting facility exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2014

Transfer stations must accept residential recyclables at no charge.

SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approx. 14,000 people. These towns work cooperatively to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner.

In 2021, SWAC successfully complied with Year One Act 148 ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and outlines how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the SWAC towns for a five-year period. All towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP, and the requirements are extensive. The currently approved and adopted SWIP is available for review on the SWAC website.

SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town's interests on issues such as legislation and rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship.

SWAC is a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Institute. These groups have been instrumental in getting Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation passed in Vermont. The EPR legislation requires manufacturers to be financially responsible for the end of life collection of their product(s) thereby saving Vermont's resident's disposal/recycling costs. Active programs are in place for the collection of architectural paint, batteries, automobile switches, mercury thermostats, mercury lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, and electronics waste. Efforts are still ongoing to pass new legislation requiring manufacturers of household hazardous waste products and paper and packaging to pay for end of life disposal of their products. Contact your local representative to support these efforts.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW): HHW collection is the most costly endeavor undertaken. SWAC contracted with US Ecology to hold three household hazardous waste (HHW) events. 5.6 tons of hazardous waste was collected from 127 households. Products included oxidizers, acids, alkalines, reactives, pesticides, aerosols, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, mercury, batteries, latex, oil based, and flammable paints, propane tanks, batteries, asbestos, pcb ballasts, and antifreeze.

Thank you for participating in SWAC's efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. To keep your communities HHW and solid waste collection costs down, remember to **Refuse, Reduce Reuse, Recycle, and Repurpose**. Consider buying less-toxic products that do not need to be disposed of as hazardous waste. If you do buy a product, use it up for its intended purpose, or give it to a friend, neighbor, or relative to use. Visit the SWAC website (What Do I Do With page) for locations where electronics, paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and waste oil are accepted for **FREE** year round. No need to wait for the HHW events.

2022 HW Schedule - **April 30**, Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park; **October 8**, Fair Haven Transfer Station, 175 Fair Haven Avenue. These event times are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. These events are free to all SWAC residents. In addition - shared event with Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance (BCSWA) - **September 17** -- For BCSWA residents and Pawlet residents at Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset. Time for this event is 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The SWAC website provides additional information on these events.

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- SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES -
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Between events: Residents of SWAC towns may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and provides drop-off of household hazardous waste and, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Permits are not available for sale on weekends at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

2021 was another unprecedentedly difficult year. Special thanks to town staff and transfer station attendants who kept operations going despite the difficulties involved. Also many thanks to the SWAC representatives, many town clerks, and administrators. They spend countless hours assuring SWAC continues to run efficiently and effectively.

Your town was represented by:
Town of Tinmouth Wheaton Squier, Michael Fallar (*Alternate*)

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In an effort to save printing costs, Service Agency Reports have not been included. The following is the list of those reports. Full copies are available at the Town Office. Annual Allotments are included in the Budget on page 14.

American Red Cross	Rutland Free Library
A.R.C. Rutland Area Advocacy, Resources & Community for citizens with developmental disabilities & their families	Rutland Mental Health
Bennington – Rutland Opportunity Council, Inc. - BROCC	Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District
Child First Advocacy	Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, Inc.
Green-Up Vermont – Green Up Day, May 7, 2022	Vermont Adult Learning Center
NeighborWorks of Western Vermont	Vermont Center for Independent Living
Poultney Rescue Squad	Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed Partnership	Vermont Old Cemetery Association
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice	VT Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc.
Rutland County Parent/Child Center, Inc.	Wallingford Rescue, Inc.
NewStory Center	

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
CITIZEN’S CALENDAR 2022**

- February 26** Town Meeting – Virtual Information Meeting *1:00 pm*
to discuss Budgets, Officers, & Other Business
- March 1** Town Meeting - Australian Ballot Voting – Officers, School Budget,
Town Budgets, & Public Questions at the Old Firehouse *8am-7pm*
- April 1** Deadline for Licensing DOGS at Town Office
- April 18** Federal and State Income Tax Due
- May 1** Tinmouth Community Fund Grant Applications due
- May 7** Green-Up Day (most likely – unless postponed due to pandemic)
- April & May** Annual Tinmouth Plant Sale (Check for dates in Tales and FPF)
- June** Community Fund Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony
- June 13** Free fishing day
- July 9** Tinmouth Community Day (Fun events, rain date July 10)
- August 15** 1st Half of Property Taxes Due
- October 22-23** Youth & Novice Deer Hunting weekend
- November 15** 2nd Half of Property Taxes Due
- November 20** Community Thanksgiving Service
- December 31** Hunting & Fishing Licenses expire

Community Calendar can be found on the Tinmouth website.
www.tinmouthvt.org

Minutes
TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING
February 27 and March 2, 2021

Due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, the meeting was held virtually and all voting took place at the Old Fire House on March 2nd via Australian ballot. Nearly 60% of voters cast ballots.

Stan called the virtual meeting to order at 1:01, read the warning and instructions. There were 30-40 attendees (10%). State Representatives Salley Achey, Art Peterson and Tom Burdett spoke regarding legislative matters in Montpelier. Stan thanked them for their explanations.

Stan introduced candidates running for the select board, school board and road commissioner. He noted the Town Report contained reports from officers and committees and asked if there were any questions, none were raised.

Stan read the Articles on the Warning, asked for discussion, advising voting will take place on Tuesday.

Article 1. Shall taxes be paid to the Treasurer, 1st half due August 16th and 2nd half due November 15th ?

Article 2. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$234,590 for general expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022?

Article 3. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$548,250 for highway expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022?

Select Board members spoke to the budgets: Michael Fallar noting the Select Board kept the budgets level, trying to keep costs down, getting ready for the new town garage; Cathy Reynolds thanked Stan Wilbur for volunteering to be the Project Manager for the town garage. Morton Buildings was chosen for a design-build, but due to Covid, the cost of materials was up. The Board is still hoping to build this summer; Frank Sears advised the Select Board was being diligent about cutting back without cutting back on needs.

Stan, briefly stepping aside as Moderator, spoke as Project Manager. He noted he picked up from the Building Committee who had various proposals. The Select Board decided to proceed with a town garage and wait and see on a salt/sand shed (cost had increased substantially from original plans). State storm water permit had to be revised. Design/build for town garage process began, nine contractors were contacted, Morton Buildings was chosen. Hope is to get something built for \$500,000, discussed road crew doing site work, how to keep road work on track, he would like to get the Building Committee involved again.

Article 4. To elect all Town Officers now required by law. Moderator 1 year term, Select Board member 3 year term, Road Commissioner 3 year term, Lister 3 year term, Auditor 3 year term, Delinquent Tax Collector 1 year term.

Town Clerk Gail Fallar reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, by absentee, if possible, but polls would be open from 8:00 am until 7:00 at the Old Fire House as it is safer for voters and poll workers to have one-way traffic in and out.

Announcements ~ **Cathy** explained the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program for kids age 0-5 years – through the Rutland Free Library – kids will receive one book a month – free.

Cathy also spoke for the Tinmouth Community Fund. They are offering a second round of community grants, small business grants, camp scholarships, etc. Applications are now online, easy to do. She also noted the TCF Scholarships cover anything after high school, does not have to be for college, awards will be in June.

Doug Fontein, Conservation Commission Chair, spoke about EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) an invasive insect recently discovered in West Rutland. He advised the Select Board, Conservation Commission and Tree Warden David Birdsall were all working on a plan to deal with it.

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TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING
February 27 and March 2, 2021 Minutes (continued)

Candidates for: Select Board – Michael Fallar and Meadow Squier; School Board – Asha Carroll McCullough and Arne Majorell; and Road Commissioner Eric Buffum and Michael Fallar – all spoke briefly and answered questions.

Stan recessed the meeting at 2:27 until voting begins on Tuesday, March 2nd. Reminded everyone to vote.

March 2, 2021 Town Meeting Results

234 voters cast ballots for town questions, 231 for school questions

Town:

Article 1. Tax due dates: **223 yes**, 5 no

Article 2. General Budget: **195 yes**, 33 no

Article 3. Highway Budget: **197 yes**, 30 no

Article 4. Officers

Moderator: **Michael Fallar 140**, Write-ins 52

Select Board: **Meadow Squier 130**, Michael Fallar 65, Nate Miner 36

Mill River Unified Union School District Board: **Asha Carroll McCullough 118**, Arne Majorell 112

Road Commissioner: **Eric Buffum 196**, Michael Fallar 34

Lister: **Pat Psholka 220**

Auditor: **Vito Macaluso 219**

Delinquent Tax Collector: **Cat Yoder 219**

School:

MRUUSD: 1493 votes cast in Tinmouth, Clarendon, Wallingford and Shrewsbury

Article 1. Officers

Moderator: **Grant Reynolds 1052**

Clerk: **Crystal Usher 58** Write-ins

Treasurer: **Denise Patch 1060**

Article 2: Authorization to borrow: **985 yes**, 440 no

Article 3: Public Informational Hearing regarding the budget – no action

Article 4: School Budget: **865 yes**, 586 no

Article 5: Authorization to transfer surplus FY21 funds to the Building Sinking Fun:

1031 yes, 412 no

Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District #U052

Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford

DRAFT MINUTES

February 25, 2021

Present: Tammy Heffernan (chair) Bjorn Behrendt, Adrienne Raymond, Andy Richards-Peelle, John McKenna, Doug Earle, Maria French, Amy Martone, Len Doucette, Liz Filskov(board members); David Younce, (superintendent), Stan Pawlaczyk, Ann Dages, Brian Hill, Gary Marcy (Staff), Grant Reynolds (Moderator) Heather Kent (District Clerk), Todd Fillmore (public).

Chairperson Heffernan led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7 pm, and made a statement regarding the changes to the typical course of the meeting due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was taking place virtually, and all action articles would be voted on by Australian ballot on March 2nd. No other legal business would be added, but there would be room for discussion after Article 4.

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Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District #U052
Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford
DRAFT MINUTES
February 25, 2021 (Continued from previous page)

The legal voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet virtually on February 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

ARTICLE 1 To elect the following officers: a. Moderator; b. Clerk; c. Treasurer. (By Australian Ballot) Moderator Reynolds read the article, Chairperson Heffernan stated Grant Reynolds would appear on the ballot for Moderator, and Denis Patch for Treasurer.

ARTICLE 2 To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money pending receipt of payment from District towns by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date. (By Australian Ballot) Moderator Reynolds read the article.

ARTICLE 3 To have presented by the Board of School Directors their estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget article. (See Article 4). Moderator Reynolds read the article.

ARTICLE 4 Shall the voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District approve the Board to expend \$18,896,395, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot) It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,543.15 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.98% lower than spending for the current year. Moderator Reynolds read the article, and stated after the financial presentation there would be time for discussion.

Liz Filskov presented the following: FY22 BUDGET PRESENTATION

The overall FY22 expenditure budget is \$18,896,395 up \$32,854 or 0.17% over last year or less than 1/4 of one percent. The preliminary number for equalized pupils is 780.29, which is higher than the previous year by 7.56 or 0.98%. Our education spending grant is at \$13,688,744, which is down \$1,359 or 0.01%. The education spending grant per pupil is \$17,543.15, down by \$173.39 or 0.98%.

The MRUUSD Board of Directors approved the FY22 budget on January 6th at a regularly scheduled meeting. At that time the Board approved a \$200,000 appropriation for the capital sinking fund. Additionally, the MRUUSD tuition rate for 2021-2022 is set at \$16,750 for Elementary Schools and \$16,600 for MRU. Ms. Filskov thanked the Board, Superintendent Younce and Business Manager Stan Pawlaczyk for their financial stewardship. There were no questions from the public.

ARTICLE 5 Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining at the end of FY21 to the building sinking fund, not to exceed \$200,000? (By Australian Ballot) Moderator Reynolds read the article. Mr. Todd Fillmore of Shrewsbury asked from where the \$200,000 surplus mentioned in Article 5 had come. Ms. Filskov directed the question to Mr. Pawlaczyk, who stated that the surplus did not yet exist, and clarified that Article 5 was asking the voters to allow any future surplus up to \$200,000 at the end of FY21 to be added to the sinking fund.

The meeting was recessed at 7:12 pm to March 2, 2021 (Town Meeting Day) for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places in the District towns on the following business. Said ballots shall be brought to the Mill River Union High School Cafeteria following the closing of the polls in the District towns where they will be commingled and counted by the officers of the District towns.

See all agendas and minutes at:
millriverschools.org

WARNING
Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District
Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford
February 24, 2022

The legal voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet at the Mill River Union High School Library on February 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE 1** To elect the following officers: a. Moderator; b. Clerk; c. Treasurer.
- ARTICLE 2** To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money pending receipt of payment from district towns by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date.
- ARTICLE 3** To have presented by the Board of School Directors their estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget article. (See Article 4).
- ARTICLE 4** Shall the voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District approve the Board to expend \$18,637,991, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot) It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,376.58 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.47% higher than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 5** Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining at the end of FY22 to the building sinking fund, not to exceed \$200,000? (By Australian Ballot)

The meeting will then be recessed to March 1, 2022 (Town Meeting Day) for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places in the District towns on the following business. Said ballots shall be brought to the Mill River Union High School Cafeteria following the closing of the polls in the District towns where they will be commingled and counted by the officers of the District towns.

Approved by the MRUUSD Board of Directors in a public meeting and dated at Clarendon, Vermont this 10th day of January 2022.

Adrienne Raymond, Board Chair

Crystal Usher, District Clerk

*Tinmouth Mountain School
2nd Grade Class
on the Community Trail*



**WARNING
TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING
February 26, 2022 and March 1, 2022**

The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet virtually (please see link below) on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. for the purpose of being provided information and to discuss the articles to be voted March 1, 2022.

The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to vote at the Old Fire House on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 between the hours of 8:00 am and 7:00 pm to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 1 - 7 Viz:

- Article 1.** Shall taxes be paid to the Treasurer, 1st half due August 15th and 2nd half due November 15th?
- Article 2.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$239,735 for general expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023?
- Article 3.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$640,000 for highway expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023?
- Article 4.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$200 to RSVP & The Volunteer Center?
- Article 5.** Shall the voters re-designate the purpose of the Special Designated Capital Building and Repair Fund created in 2001, to include the construction of a town garage?
- Article 6.** Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$18,800 of the unencumbered General Fund FY21 Fund Balance for the town's share of the Potter's Brook Culvert Project?
- Article 7.** To elect all Town Officers now required by law.
 - Moderator – 1 year term
 - Select Board Member – 3 year term
 - Mill River Unified Union School District Director – 3 year term
 - Community Board Member – 2 year term
 - Lister – 3 year term
 - Auditor – 3 year term
 - Auditor – 1 year term
 - Tax Collector (Delinquent) – 1 year term

Dated at Tinmouth, Vermont this 25th day of January, 2022.

Select Board Town of Tinmouth, Vermont

Frank Sears, Chair

Cathy Reynolds

Meadow Squier

Informational Virtual Meeting – 1:00 pm if you wish to participate via teleconferencing please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97744928600?pwd=Y1dYcmxNS0dPKzV5NnBzZ2JZMXh0UT09>

Meeting ID: 977 4492 8600

Passcode: 218462

If this link doesn't work, please contact the town office by email tinmouthtown@vermontel.net and you will be forwarded the link.

You can also dial in using your telephone. This is NOT a toll free number.

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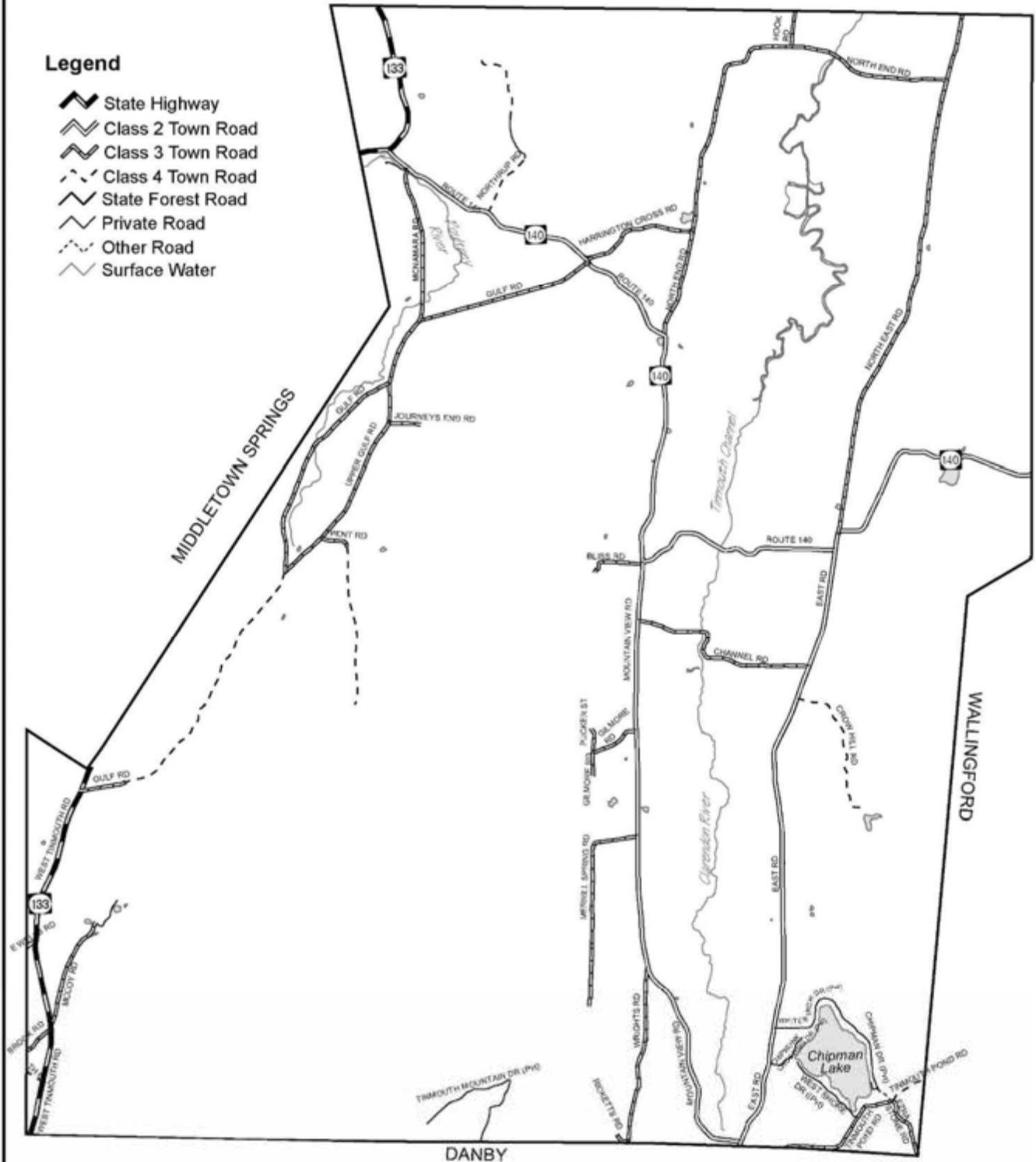
The meeting link will be available on the town website: tinmouthvt.org

Click on the website Calendar, and Virtual Town Meeting – February 26.

You are encouraged to join early to make sure your connection, video, and speakers all work.

Legend

-  State Highway
-  Class 2 Town Road
-  Class 3 Town Road
-  Class 4 Town Road
-  State Forest Road
-  Private Road
-  Other Road
-  Surface Water



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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:
DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, THERE WILL BE NO FLOOR MEETING.

VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022 1:00 pm *Virtual Town Meeting.*

See Warning on page 44 for link or phone # to call.

Discussion of Town & Highway Budgets and Public Questions

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022 8:00 am to 7:00 pm **OLD FIREHOUSE**

*Australian Ballot Voting for Town Officers, Town & Highway
Budgets & School Budget Items*